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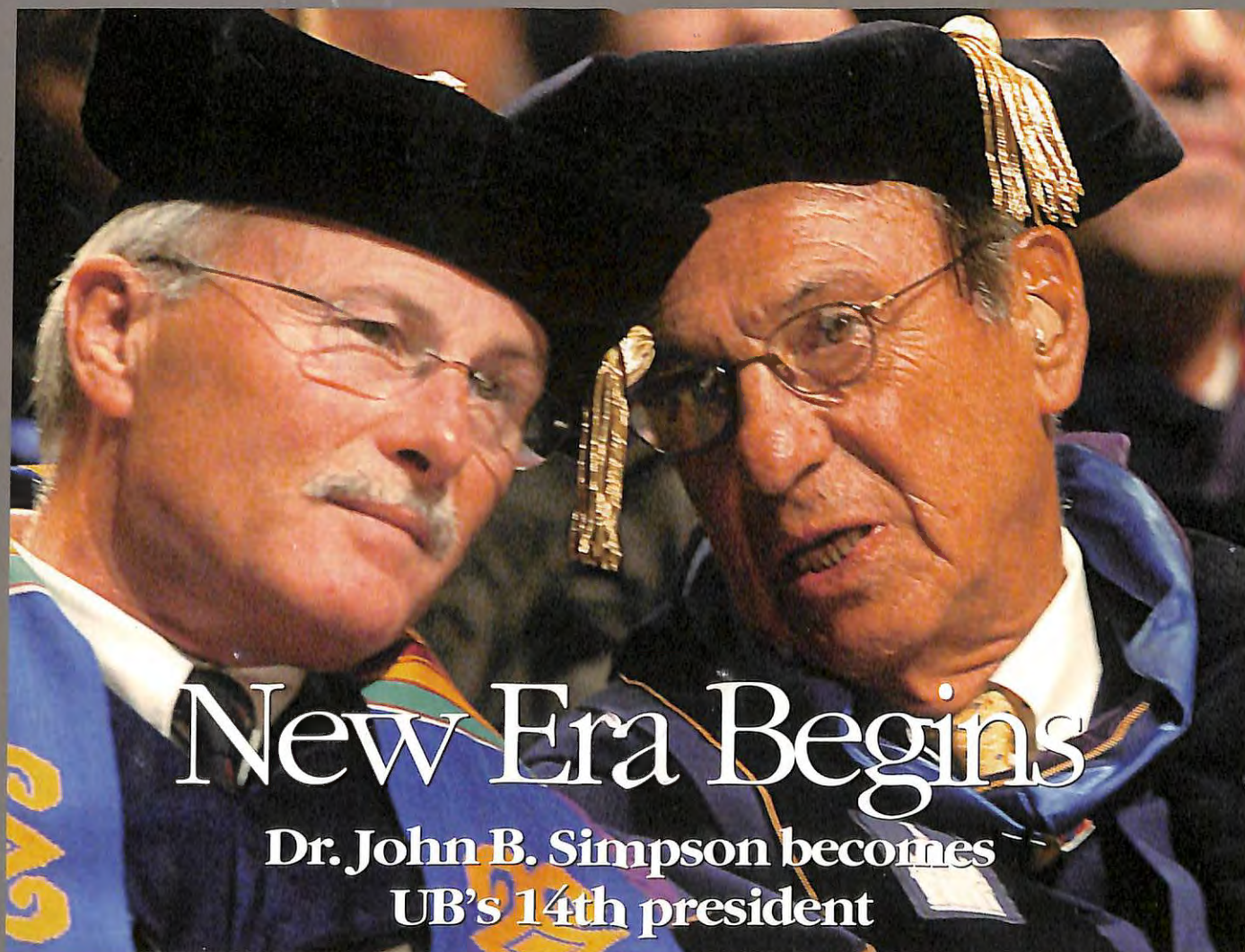
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## New Era Begins

**Dr. John B. Simpson becomes  
UB's 14th president**

Four alumni  
named to list of  
*Black Enterprise's*  
top attorneys



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DUNN '89**



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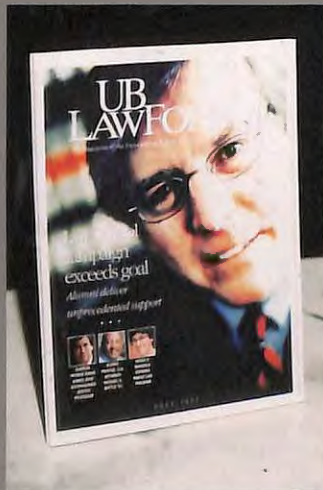
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**UB Law Forum  
wins Gold  
Accolade Award  
from CASE**

CASE (the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education) District II awarded University at Buffalo Law School the top gold award in the category of individual alumni relations publications for the 2003 *UB Law Forum*. The CASE Accolades Award Program

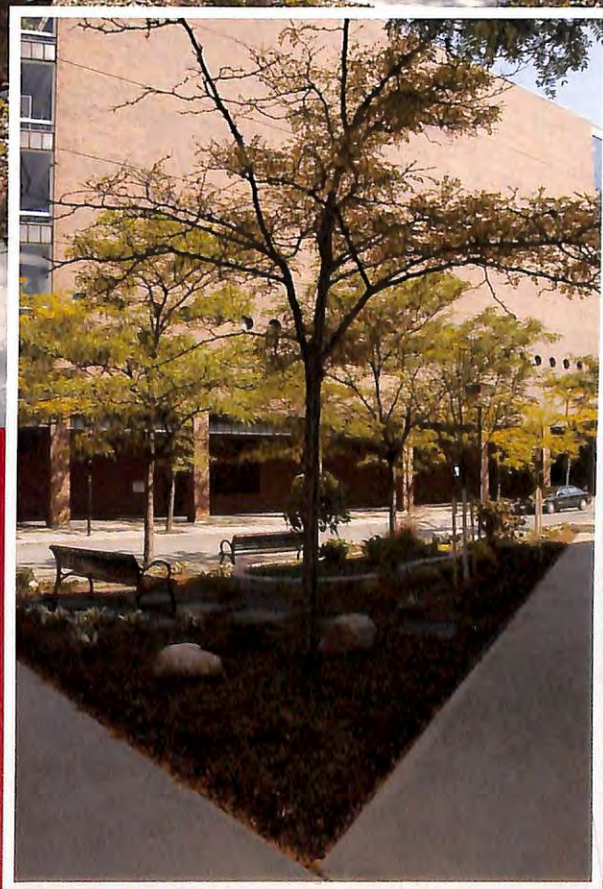
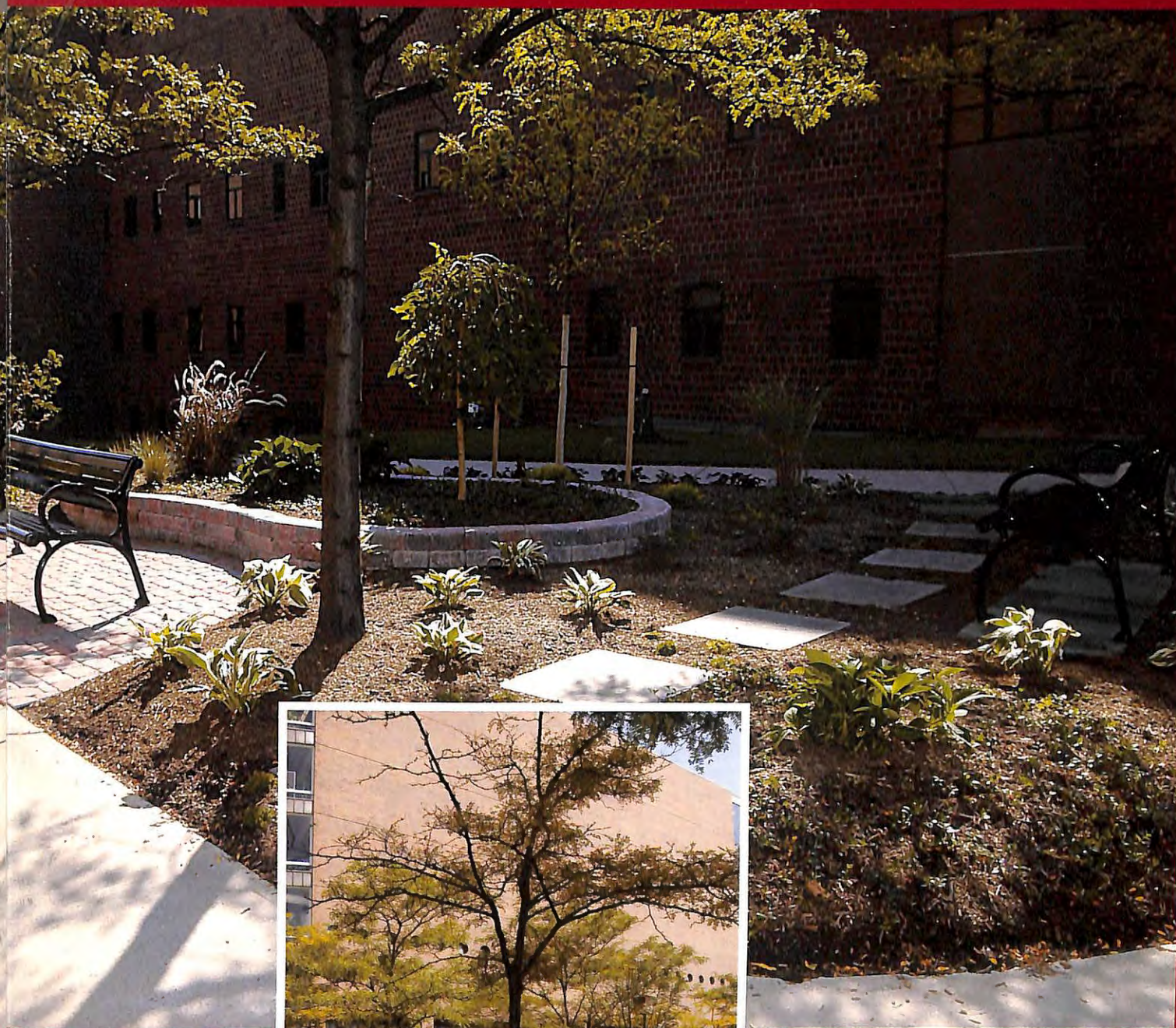
received entries from other professional schools, universities, colleges and community colleges throughout the Northeast.

Ilene R. Fleischmann, associate dean for alumni, PR and communications, and executive director of the Law Alumni Association, is editor of the *Forum*. She received the award in February.



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The William J. Casilio '81 Memorial Garden, located outside John Lord O'Brien Hall, was created with money raised from family, friends and classmates of Casilio. See story on Page 88.



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## Message from Dean Nils Olsen

In October, I was privileged to participate in the investiture of the 14th president to take the helm at the University at Buffalo. Dr. John B. Simpson has a vision for UB that will lead to our becoming a great public research university. He and his new provost and executive vice president, Dr. Satish Tripathi, have already come to the Law School to reach out to our faculty, who are excited and enthusiastic at the opportunity to help create a strategic plan that eventually will position UB Law as one of the premier public law schools in the United States. I am delighted to be working closely with their senior team of advisers. This issue of *UB Law Forum* features articles on both of these extraordinary academic leaders.

The overwhelming generosity of our wonderful alumni and friends continues to help us provide a myriad of Law School programs, courses and scholarly activities which would not happen without your critical supplemental dollars. Our Annual Fund has now grown to an unprecedented \$718,000 in 2003-04, during which 24 percent of our alumni made a gift to the UB Law School. That is one of the highest alumni participation rates of any law school in the country, and we are proud of the vote of confidence that it represents. Planned gifts are becoming popular and effective charitable giving tools that many of our

supporters are utilizing to increase their gifts and save taxes.

I take great pride in the new students who make up the Class of 2007. Diverse in age, geography, origins and life experience, they share a crucial ingredient for success in law school: They are very smart. Only 38 percent of our applicants were accepted this year. Nearly one in 10 already holds an advanced degree. This semester, I am teaching a section of Civil Procedure, and I can attest to the excellent academic skills of this newest group of UB Law's future alumni.

Finally, it is with great warmth and pleasure that I welcome back to O'Brian Hall one of our best-regarded law professors, Bill Greiner, who will be teaching this spring. It's great to have him, and Carol, home again.

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Photo by Frank Cesario

*Vincent Dunn '89: "I was really happy when I got here and saw how many minority students we had."*

## THE COLOR of SUCCESS

*Four alumni named to Black Enterprise magazine's list of top black attorneys*

**By Nicole Peradotto**

Michael Banks remembers how pleasantly surprised he was when he received the November 2003 issue of *Black Enterprise* magazine. He had already been told that he was to be included in its list of America's 50 top black lawyers, along with former UB Law School classmate Vincent Dunn. What Banks didn't know was that two other UB graduates, Michael Battle and Brent Wilson, had also made the cut.

Selection of the lawyers – who are graduates of a total of 30 law schools – were

made on the basis of research with leading law schools, legal scholars, prominent attorneys and a number of national legal organizations. Magazine editors then identified the best attorneys in 15 categories, ranging from criminal defense to patent law.

Making a quick calculation as he leafed through the issue, Banks discovered that only the law schools at Harvard, Columbia, Howard and the University of Michigan had more alumni ranked in the story. "To end up with four people on a short list – that's a great honor," said Banks '89, a partner at the Manhattan-based firm of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP.

"That's another thing that the UB Law

School can point to as an indicator of the kind of education that's available at UB. It reflects the impact of what the school has done with the black community and for black lawyers."

Banks, who was named as a top black lawyer in mergers and acquisitions/securities, focuses in his practice on a range of deals, from securities offerings to financings of power plants, pipelines, refineries and other ventures in the United States, Asia and Latin America. He represented underwriters in a \$536 million leveraged lease financing by subsidiaries of Ahold USA Inc. and represented purchasers in a \$290 million securitization backed by the sale of oil generated by Ecopetrol.

Banks spoke at the 2004 Students of Color Recognition Dinner, held April 2 at the Buffalo Marriott Hotel. At the annual event he and the three other UB alumni named in the *Black Enterprise* article accepted the student group's Distinguished Alumni Award. In doing so each honoree acknowledged a debt of gratitude to the Law School.

"UB was a school that seemed to find a way to work to the strengths of the students," recalled Battle '81, U.S. attorney for the Western District of New York. "There was something very special about the school, and it was the professors. They were always trying to find ways to bring the best out in us, and that, to me, made a real difference."

Battle was named in the category of





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*Brent L. Wilson '76: "UB has produced tremendous talent, and I'm sure in this group (of students) there is also tremendous talent."*



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government. He began his legal career with the Legal Aid Society. Now he is working to prosecute on federal charges James Kopp, already convicted of killing Dr. Barnett Slepian. In 2002, he prosecuted the Lackawanna Six, alleged members of a terrorist sleeper cell who were trained in an Afghanistan camp connected to al-Qaida. All pleaded guilty and were offered sentences of between seven and 10 years.

Vincent Dunn '89 described the Law School as a "low-stress place" where he felt comfortable as a first-year student, thanks in large part to the support he received from the Black Law Students Association.

"It was easy fitting in," said Dunn, a partner at New York City's office of Chadbourne & Parke LLP. "I was really happy when I got here and saw how many minority students we had."

Dunn was named one of America's top black lawyers in banking and financial services. He handles both lenders and borrowers in connection with secured and unsecured transactions, including acquisition financing, vendor financing and raising

working capital. He represented lenders in a \$1.8 billion construction financing case for turbine generators and raised \$500 million to lease the construction of an electric generating facility.

Echoing Battle's praise of the Law School faculty, Dunn singled out Dean Nils Olsen — then a professor — for his constant encouragement. "He would give extra help in understanding civil procedure, and he had a genuine interest in helping minorities do well."

Wilson '76, the senior statesman of the foursome, is also the only non-New Yorker of the group: After his wife landed a job upstate, the Louisiana native transferred to UB Law School from the University of Georgia.

Where there were six black students at the University of Georgia, there were close to 20 at UB. Where there were no black professors at the University of Georgia, there were two at his eventual alma mater. "That was significant to me," said Wilson, a partner at the Atlanta firm of Elarbee, Thompson, Sapp & Wilson LLP, where he became the first African-American attorney to work in a management, labor and employment boutique practice in the Southeast.

Wilson confines his practice to the representation of management clients in labor relations and employment law matters. He also is an arbiter with the National Associa-

tion of Securities Dealers. Wilson successfully defended Hooters of America against an Equal Employment Opportunities Commission charge that the "Hooters girl" concept was discriminatory because it prevented men from waiting tables at the restaurant.

"UB has produced tremendous talent, and I'm sure in this group there is also tremendous talent," he told the audience. "I ask each and every one of you to continue to do what we have done, and that is to work hard and simply be the best that we could so that we could honor the Law School."

"The University at Buffalo Law School is honored by the success of our African-American graduates," says Dean Nils Olsen. "Their prominence is representative of the many extraordinary attorneys of color who have graduated from UB over the years."

"Most significantly, with four graduates on the list of top black lawyers, the UB Law School tied with Stanford University's law school for fifth nationally, trailing Harvard Law School, with 16 graduates; Columbia Law School, with 10; the University of Michigan Law School, with seven, and Howard University Law School, with five graduates," Olsen added.

"This is a testament both to the long-term commitment to diversity that the Law School has made and to the wonderful students of color who have attended UB."

#### **List of top black lawyers' alma maters**

<b>Law School</b>	<b>Alumni on list</b>
Harvard	16
Columbia	10
University of Michigan	7
Howard University	5
University at Buffalo	4
Stanford University	4



# Alumni Profiles



Buffalo Law Review staff, 1958 - 59. Davis is in the second row, fourth from left. He keeps this picture behind his desk.

## CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

*J. Mason Davis Jr. '59 recalls an era of wrongs – and civil rights*

**T**he first thing to note is that J. Mason Davis Jr. '59 is not bitter. Not bitter that, by virtue of the color of his skin, he was shut out of the University of Alabama Law School, his home-state institution, after he graduated from Talladega College. Not bitter that the social situation in the North, when he came to UB Law School in the middle of the 1950s, was, de facto, hardly any different from the de jure discrimination of the South. Not bitter that, once he returned to Alaba-

ma, he was required to take a literacy test in order to register to vote.

"It was part of the way of life at that time," Davis says now from his office at the Birmingham law firm Sirote & Permutt, where he is a senior partner practicing in public finance, business litigation, corporate law, mergers and acquisitions, and securities. "It was the culture of the country."

The story of how Davis, who was honored recently by the University at Buffalo Alumni Association at its Celebration of Excellence dinner, transcended those societal limitations is one of

hard work, extensive community service – and coping with ever-changing cultural norms with grace and optimism.

And though it is not how he approaches the issue, his success as a lawyer – and as an adjunct professor at Alabama Law School, the very institution that was closed to him as a young man – perhaps is all the sweeter for

the obstacles he has overcome.

It was 1956 when young Mason Davis packed up and headed for Buffalo and the promise of a legal education. "UB Law School was traditionally open," he says. "When I left Talladega and went to Buffalo, the law school was – and always had been – desegregated.

"The segregation laws were not overt in New York, but there were subtle discriminatory things. Most of the students who were in the classroom with me that first day had not gone to desegregated schools. When I came to Buffalo, there were only 25,000 African-Americans who lived on the Niagara Escarpment. But the other students got used to me, and I got used to them.

"I lived with the portion of our family that had lived in Buffalo since 1922, so I was not up there all alone. In addition to my family, I joined a Congregational church and was in a fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha. I was not a waif out there flying in the wind."

But Davis always knew he was headed back to Alabama. "Our family was in the life insurance business and the undertaking business," Davis says. "My mother's brother Walter had been a lawyer in Cincinnati, Ohio. It was the plan that I go to law school to learn the law and help run the business."

Learn the law he did – and he excelled at it. Davis clerked for a law firm



in his first year and later was selected for membership in the *Buffalo Law Review*.

"The changes that come about in law school really broaden you, because you are exposed to so much. You have to study intensely to learn each of those core courses the first year, because it is unlike anything you have ever done. I had a pretty good experience there."

Of the *Law Review* he says: "It was a useful experience, to have to write your articles, associating with others you consider your peers or better. We formed close friendships. I keep a photograph (of the *Law Review* board) right behind my desk."

He graduated in 1959 and, true to the plan, went back to Birmingham to practice law and work for the family business part time, defending the insurance firm against lawsuits. But just as the culture dictated his access to law schools, a storm was brewing in the wider society that was to change the course of Davis' practice. The civil rights movement was about to take America by storm.

**C**ases related to the movement started to come: voter discrimination cases, jury discrimination cases, the criminal cases of blacks who insisted on sitting down at whites-only lunch counters. When African-American defendants in Alabama went looking for a black lawyer to defend them, they had precious few choices. Davis says he was only the 15th African-American statewide to hold a current license from the state Bar. Defendants would call; Davis would respond, driving 90 miles north to Huntsville, 60 miles south to Selma, to meet with clients and do his trial work.

And he was good at it — very good. Tenacious at trial, especially in representing some of the students who took part in the widely publicized Huntsville lunch-counter sit-ins in 1961 and 1962, he pressed ahead with appeals and won every case at the Court of Appeals

level. As a result of those legal victories and others, Alabama desegregated all public facilities, including the schools.

"Everything was changing," Davis says. "I returned five years after the Brown decision. You had resistance to not only school desegregation, but lunch counter desegregation, water fountain desegregation, and the most

almost complete desegregation." Davis suspects it was not a purely legal victory: The Marshall Space Flight Center was bringing a lot of money to Huntsville, he says, and the city's business interests "did not want any problems."

Another victory was his invitation to teach law at the University of Alabama,

where he joined the faculty as an adjunct in 1972. He was to teach there for 25 years, mostly courses in insurance and damages. "When I started teaching there, no African-American had graduated from the law school," he says. "Right now, half the lawyers in the state came through my courses. I have had great experiences going into courtrooms with my former students. It is like old home week."

He notes that in his first classes, all the students were white. The first African-Americans came a few years later. "All these things have to happen, and they have to happen in progression," Davis says. "They have to go from A to Z."

The historical myopia of the young showed up in his classes as Davis tried to instill in his students an appreciation for the struggles of the civil rights era. "I had to teach them about history, because that was not a thing

that was on their minds," he says. "They were past that period. I would tell them stories about becoming a voter and how we would have to challenge the jury rolls, and they could not understand that. They had never experienced it."

He no longer teaches, and mostly steers clear of courtrooms as he pursues cases involving municipal financing and commercial law. "I go in the courtroom when I have to," he says. "I go to show gray hair. I probably taught the judge and the other lawyers on the other side, so I go to bring a sense of veracity and respect. They know who is coming when I come in. Litigation is very, very tiring work, and it takes young people to do it."



At the Celebration of Excellence dinner, J. Mason Davis chats with professor John H. Schlegel.

important thing — voter discrimination.

"During that period of time, you had to take a literacy test in order to register to vote. I took the literacy test in the summer between my second and third years in law school. I was asked by these three registrars to interpret the 14th Amendment, and I regaled them for an hour. I had just taken Constitutional Law from Jack Hyman for a full year!"

But it was the lunch counter cases in Huntsville, he says, of which he is most proud. "We had to try those cases in the city courts," Davis says. "We lost every one, then appealed those cases to the Circuit Court, where we won some and lost some. But we won every case we tried in the Alabama Court of Appeals. As a result, Huntsville then experienced



# Alumni Profiles

## THE ARTS, BUT SMARTER

*Lippes' \$1 million gift funds  
interdisciplinary learning opportunities*

A business-savvy approach to managing art museums, symphony orchestras and professional theater troupes is the focus of an interdisciplinary program in arts administration being developed at the University at Buffalo. The program is being funded through a \$1 million gift by Buffalo attorney Gerald S. Lippes, a 1964 UB Law School graduate and a longtime supporter of the arts, and his late wife, Sandra A. Lippes, B.A. '84. It involves components of the College of Arts and Sciences, the Law School and the School of Management, and aims to develop the next generation of arts administrators with the skills to manage the financial affairs of their institutions as well as the artistic vision.

Lippes said his vision for the program grew partly from the hope that UB scholars will get better at working with each other across disciplines, as well as his observations that some arts organizations lack leaders with the business acumen to achieve fiscal stability.

"In many arts organizations, the artistic quality and leadership is just wonderful, but the leadership of the organization and its stewardship is problematic," he said. "Universities and hospitals have very large budgets and can hire very competent business executives. But some of these arts organizations do not have the means to hire and retain top-quality leaders. Many of the maestros and curators and directors have had no background in business.

"The question is, how do you teach a person who is an art history major or a music major and decides on a career in this area?"

His downtown Buffalo law office shows evidence of Lippes' longtime interest especially in the visual arts, with

big abstract paintings including one by Charlie Clough – and in the hall, a series of works by celebrated Buffalo painter Seymour Drumlevitch. Lippes has been a trustee of the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, as well as the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, Studio Arena Theater and the New York State Council on the Arts, as well as Kaleida Health and other businesses.

"I acquire a lot of art. I do not say I collect," he said with a smile, "because that presumes I know what I am doing."

In recognition of the gift by Lippes and his late wife, the performance space in Slee Hall on the North Campus has been renamed the Gerald S. and Sandra F. Lippes Auditorium.

Under a philosophy called "entrepre-

neurial philanthropy," Lippes wanted to ensure that any new program created would be top-flight. "I thought about it for quite a while," he said. "There are only a few colleges that offer this in New York State, and none in the SUNY system. UB convinced me that they could become excellent – that they could arrive at a point in the not-too-distant future when this program would be recognized nationwide as an excellent program."

And the need, he said, is great: "There are a number of institutions in Western New York with a budget of more than \$5 million. Who is going to administer that budget? Who is going to raise the money? And then there are those smaller groups with a budget under \$1 million. That artistic director ought to know something about what he is doing in the fiscal sense."

"Clearly the problem with a lot of not-for-profits is that people do not come with a lot of management training and experience," agreed Dr. Sandra H. Olsen, director of the University art galleries. "In the performing and visual arts, it's always about management, in large part. You cannot get involved in the management of these entities without being involved in legal issues.

"There certainly is strong recognition among not-for-profit visual and performing arts organizations of the need for more training and preparation in man-





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*— Gerald S. Lippes '64*

with College of Arts and Sciences Dean Uday Sukhatme and School of Management Dean John Thomas in the academic coalition within which the program will grow and develop. From a Law School perspective, he said, the program will cover such issues as the Internal Revenue Code as it relates to development; intellectual property law; contracts; and employment law. Other courses will address fund raising and marketing, grant writing, human resources, and education and community development.

"The Law School has a commitment to interdisciplinary studies," Olsen said, "and to providing instruction in other units in the University, when appropriate, to permit UB to benefit from the fact that it houses the only law school in the state system."

"Gerry has also been a big supporter of the Law School in many other ways, including the Dean's Advisory Council."

"This gift represents his strongly held position that business and law are central to the activities of both businessmen and business lawyers, and that lawyers who work as counsel and the business people they serve need to learn to work effectively together. They both need to understand the expertise each brings to the process."

Added Lippes: "The University is one of the great assets of Western New York. The community has been good to me, and this gift is the right thing to do."

Lippes is founder and managing partner of the Buffalo law firm Lippes, Silverstein, Mathias and Wexler. He has served on the University Council since 1997. He is a trustee emeritus of the UB Foundation, founding chair of the Law School's Dean's Advisory Council, and 1995 recipient of the Jaecle Award, the highest award presented by the Law School and the UB Law Alumni Association, among others.

agement. All of these things have become so complex that there is also the need to handle the various legal issues that come with it."

**C**ompetition for the public's increasingly scarce free time, and a squeeze on grant money, has made smart arts administration even more important, Dr. Olsen said. "As there is less and less grant money available and foundation support available, institutions are struggling with how to manage as a not-for-profit organization," she said. "They need to be very competitive with all the other venues that are competing for people's free time, and yet remain an important educational resource."

Dr. Olsen said she and others are re-

fining a preliminary curriculum for the program, expected to start in the fall of 2005 with a class of about 20 students, and beginning the search for a program director. They do so, she said, with the assurance that the world of visual and performing arts stands in sore need of well-trained administrators. She said she mentioned the program to a gallery dealer in New York City, a UB alumnus, who said: "This is exactly right. I need to spend so much time training people who come in here who have a wonderful arts background but do not have the management skills."

"I think it was very smart of Gerald Lippes to strongly suggest this," Dr. Olsen said. "And we have met that challenge."

UB Law Dean Nils Olsen will work

Photo by Mark Mulville



# Law School Report

## Renowned clinics produce leaders and promote a healthy community

By Nora A. Jones

**T**he renowned clinical programs at the University at Buffalo Law School – also known as the Legal Assistance Program – not only enrich the education of the student attorneys but also enhance the quality of life for Western New Yorkers. With seven clinical programs to choose from, UB provides a depth and breadth of legal experience found at only a handful of law schools across the country.

Professor Anthony H. Szczygiel has served as the clinic director since 2000, overseeing the operation of all the UB clinics, which include: the Affordable Housing Clinic, Community Economic Development Law Clinic, Environment and Development Law Clinic, Family Violence Clinic, Securities Law Clinic, Special Education Clinic and William and Mary Foster Elder Law Clinic. A professor at UB since 1982, he personally heads up the program that started out with the moniker Legal Services for the Elderly Clinic. A recent endowment has not only ensured a stable future for this clinic, it has reshaped the clinic name to include its benefactors: William and Mary Foster.

### Affordable Housing Clinic

The Affordable Housing Clinic works with community-based developers to create high-quality housing for low-income families, the elderly, victims of domestic violence, and persons with disabilities. In the 17 years since it was launched, the clinic has leveraged nearly \$150 million in public and private funds to create close to 1,500 units of affordable housing in Western New York.

"That not only relieves the public burden in providing housing for those in need, the projects in turn provide local jobs and keep dollars in the community," noted George M. Hezel, a clinical professor who manages the clinic with Clinical Professor Thomas F. Disare and Clinical Instructor Sara Faherty. "The typical project is oriented to conceptualizing, planning and financing housing for institutional clients in Western New York."

Last year students were successful in securing funding to develop a larger version of Cornerstone Manner, a facility designed to provide interim shelter for women with substance abuse problems. The current facility is bursting at the seams, and dozens of women and children are turned away each year for lack of space.



Clinical Professor George M. Hezel, center, manages the Affordable Housing Clinic.

By negotiating with the City of Buffalo for a new piece of property and applying for federal and state funding, students secured \$9.3 million for the project. This year, with 18 students participating in the clinic, some of them will focus on closing the deal so construction can begin. Others will follow up on the progress of a \$5.2 million YMCA project in Niagara Falls that was

funded in 2003.

Julia Solo, an attorney at Nixon Peabody, LLP, in New York City, recently returned to Buffalo to speak at the New York State Bar Association's first Affordable Housing Conference, hosted and co-sponsored by UB Law School. Solo concentrates her practice on tax, real estate and partnerships in connection with the development of



affordable housing through the use of low-income housing tax credits, as well as various other forms of federally and state-regulated financing and subsidies. Even 10 years after graduation, she has nothing but praise for her clinical experience and the instructors.

"I chose my law school in large part for its commitment to public service and giving something back to the community," Solo said. "Not only is that the crux of what the Affordable Housing Clinic does, but it also teaches students to care about those things, and to make the substance of what you are doing part of the practice of law.

"It's a conscious choice not just to be a good lawyer, but to choose what type of work you want to pursue. The clinic helped make me feel connected to my area of practice early on."

### Community Economic Development Clinic

Vice Dean and Professor Peter R. Pitegoff founded the Community Economic Development Clinic in 1988 and still collaborates on selected projects with Clinical Instructors Lauren Breen and Sara Faherty, who together manage the clinic. This clinic often works in close conjunction with the Affordable Housing Clinic, combining supportive services with housing. For example, in Niagara Falls, a new residence for domestic violence victims includes a child care facility that is available to the tenants and other members of the community.

The Community Economic Development Clinic provides transactional legal assistance with particular emphasis on child care policy and helping low-income families build assets. The clinic allows second- and third-year law students to provide legal counsel to community organizations and enterprises, not-for-profits and government agencies. Students gain experience in not-for-profit tax matters and corporate and business law, drafting legal documents and memos, attending board meetings and participating in student-faculty conferences.

"There are millions of dollars in earned income tax credits that people right here in Western New York aren't receiving because they don't know about applying for the credit," said Faherty, who has been working with the



Community child care facilities benefit from several UB Law clinics.

clinic for five years. "When we are successful in getting a tax refund, we then try to work with families to understand that saving or investing part of that will help them build a stronger economic base. Everyone knows that it is difficult to make ends meet when earning low wages, but to be asset-poor makes it that much harder to get ahead if low-income families aren't convinced that they have a stake in investing in future savings, education, home ownership or businesses."

Breen has gained a national reputation in child care law, and she has authored many articles on child care and welfare reform. She and Faherty also serve as faculty advisors to the American Bar Association's quarterly *Journal of Affordable Housing & Community Development Law*, a journal that is housed at UB Law School, enabling students to work with the practicing bar nationally.

### Family Violence Clinic

Focused more on helping individuals, the Family Violence Clinic has been in place for over a decade. In 1992, Suzanne Tomkins and Catherine Cerulli implemented a program that has not only helped hundreds of local residents, but educated the local bar and

community at large about the devastating social problems of family violence and child abuse. One of the first clinics of its kind, it has served as a model for other law schools across the country.

"Several law schools call each year looking for direction on different aspects of the program," Clinical Associate Professor Tomkins said. "In addition to providing an opportunity for law students to apply what they are learning, this particular clinic has been a resource for sharing information with the practicing bar and teaching related community groups how to respond to family violence. There are many policy issues that need to be worked out, and the more people understand about the problem of violence, the more likely they will be able to become part of the solution.

"The clinic engages in the development and support of countywide task forces providing a coordinated community response to family violence," she added. In addition, it provides advocacy for family offense petitioners in Family Court, assists in the criminal prosecution of family offense cases, develops policy and protocols for domestic violence courts and task forces, and

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conducts related research.

A 2003 UB Law graduate, Bernadette Hoppe is combining her background in health administration and women's studies with her law degree and clinical experience to make a difference in her community and across the globe. "This summer I traveled to Serbia to help draft a plan for dealing with domestic violence issues there," Hoppe said.

On a day-to-day basis, Hoppe looks at the intersection of health care and domestic violence, studying such issues as why health care providers are resistant to screening patients for domestic violence. "I would advise any law student to get into a clinical program to learn about real-world experiences – how to interact with people or where you need to go in the courthouse for an order of protection versus a criminal prosecution," she added.

Amanda M. Warner '06 was a domestic violence advocate before attending law school, working with battered women. "One of the reasons I selected UB was for their Family Violence Clinic," she said. "The clinic placement gave me the chance to work with two attorneys from Neighborhood Legal Services who represented DV victims, primarily in emergency orders of protection and other family matters. This experience allowed me to contrast the role of an attorney to the role I played as a domestic violence advocate. My experience at the clinic affirmed for me that I want to represent battered women in their civil legal matters."

## Environmental Clinics

Originally launched by Nils Olsen before he advanced to Law School dean, the Environment and Policy Clinic was designed to help bridge the gap between law school theory and real-life application of the law. Over the years, the clinic has represented numerous community-based citizen environment groups to deter pollution and promote cleanup.

Specific initiatives have also involved drafting land-use planning legislation and making policy recommendations. Students have been involved in drafting agreements between hazardous waste disposal companies and



Clinical Associate Professor Suzanne Tomkins counsels a student.

local municipalities, setting time frames and parameters for waste sites.

Clinical Instructor Roberta Vallone and Professor Barry Boyer actively lead the clinic today. Collaborating with the Community Economic Development Clinic and the Affordable Housing Clinic, this program reaches out to serve community groups in need of representation. One current project involves working with the Friends of the Buffalo-Niagara River on issues relating to the river and its tributaries.

This Environment and Policy Clinic initiative complements work in recent years in an Environment and Development Clinic directed by Professor Robert Berger with an emphasis on productive reuse of urban brownfield sites.

"We have seven students participating this semester," reported Vallone. "These second- and third-year students are dedicated to developing solutions for a better community. This is another example of a law clinic having a tremendously positive impact on the

surrounding region while the students gain a sense of accomplishment."

## William and Mary Foster Elder Law Clinic

This clinic focuses on the problems of access to long-term care. Working with the Legal Services for the Elderly, Disabled or Disadvantaged of Western New York (LSED) office in downtown Buffalo, law students participating in the William and Mary Foster Elder Law Clinic practice lawyering skills such as client counseling, negotiation and litigation. Many cases are resolved through informal advocacy and negotiation, but when needed, students also participate in administrative hearings, representing individuals on disputes over Medicare and Social Security insurance coverage.

"The clinic has helped to develop Medicare maximization programs in Erie, Genesee and Niagara Counties," explained Professor Anthony Szczygiel, who has headed this clinic for several years. "Under these programs, we train the county Medicaid program caseworkers and long-term care providers on Medicare coverage and billing. The goal is to have more Medicare-eligible people receive benefits on their initial application, while we handle the administrative hearings and appeals as necessary."

Graduates of the clinical program have gone on to become leaders in this area of practice. These include Bruce D. Reinoso '94, a partner in the Buffalo law firm Magavern, Magavern & Grimm LLP, who headed up the Bar Association of Erie County's Elder Law Committee; and Cora A. Alsante '88, a partner in Hancock & Estabrook LLP, in Syracuse, who recently chaired the New York State Bar Association's Elderly Law Section.

"The UB clinical program allows many low income clients to get representation. The legal service providers have limited resources and without student participation many cases would not be reviewed," said Szczygiel. "And the clinic helps provide an opportunity for practitioners in the public sector to interact with private-sector attorneys, blending the information and expertise. Private attorneys are generally more familiar with estates, trusts and personal finances, while public-sector lawyers



know the Medicaid and Social Security rulings. An ongoing dialogue enriches the practice of law on both sides."

### Special Education Clinic

The Special Education Clinic assists children with disabilities in disputes with their school districts and community agencies in the area of special education law. Started in 1973, this clinic has represented over 2,000 clients and is the longest-standing clinic at the university. Its importance continues to grow in the wake of federal initiatives such as the Bush administration's "No Child Left Behind." Dozens of complex factual, legal and ethical issues arise in the context of special education. The clinic provides law students the opportunity to advocate for parents of children in the community – improving the student's skill set while improving the welfare of members of the community.

Clinical Instructor H. Jeffrey Marcus shared the facts from several cases his students are currently dealing with in this year's clinic. Several represent patterns that the clinic sees year after year as the public schools falter in their educational obligations.

"A parent has a special-needs child and places the child in a private school," Marcus explained. "The public school has an obligation to provide a special education program to these students and must collaborate with the private school to do so. Often, the public school is slow to respond without legal pressure."

Another example he describes is a 10th-grader in the public schools who is reading at a second-grade level. "The school is supposed to be providing appropriate help to raise the student's skills to match his grade progression; however, the school is doing nothing and the parents seek the clinic's help to change that," he said.

Pam Kirkwood '04, now works at BOCES, incorporating her clinical experience in her day-to-day problem-solving. "The Special Education Clinic was central to my law school experience," said Kirkwood. "I was able to land the job I wanted because I had specialized training to deal with real-world disputes. The problems encountered in the clinic then became the topics to write about in my research class, and it all tied together beautifully."



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Kim Taylor '02 shared a similar enthusiasm. "My clinic experience allowed me to interview clients, prepare motions and follow up on investigations," Taylor said. "I was involved in real, practical situations, such as helping a public school student who had a severe allergy to mold. The school was not addressing the school conditions, aggravating the allergy."

### Securities Law Clinic

Established as a cooperative effort between the School of Management and the Law School, the Securities Law Clinic allows students to investigate and arbitrate securities disputes. The program is also designed to get students involved in investor education.

Robert Spampata '04 currently shares responsibility for this clinic with Associate Professor Joseph Ogden in the School of Management. The concept is to have business students do the financial analysis of a potential claim, while the law students prepare the formal complaint and, if warranted, appear before a Securities Arbitration Panel.

Prior to completing his legal education, Spampata worked for many years as a public arbitrator. His background provides insight into the kind of ques-

tions the panel may pursue, but since arbitration decisions do not have precedential value, every claim must go forward on its own merits.

"Cases may get to the clinic in a number of ways," explained Spampata. "UB Alumni may refer a client with a claim that has minor monetary value, or an investor may come upon the clinic Web site when surfing the Internet for securities dispute information. Other times, the New York State attorney general's office may refer a case to our clinic because an investor has contacted the state with a complaint."

The Securities Law Clinic is funded in part by the Office of the New York Attorney General, with an allocation of funds from a settlement of recent AG litigation with Quest Communications.

Claims tend to fall into two main categories, Spampata said. "There are single transaction problems, where an investor realizes his/her investment objective was not met, or maybe the investor believes he paid too much for the investment product. Or there is the investor who suffers a loss and believes it was through some deception or error of the broker."

When the investor's claim is determined to have substance, a complaint will be filed against the individual broker and the office or firm that supervised the transaction. Multiple similar claims spark a class action suit.

"Students have the opportunity to investigate real problems, referencing the case law and consulting journal articles," Spampata said. "They gain familiarity with NASD forms that are widely used in the field. Depending upon the time frame, the students may hand off the work to a local attorney (since law school semesters fly by quickly), or represent the client through the arbitration."

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# Law School Report

## New General LL.M. program launched for international students

The University at Buffalo Law School has launched a new General Master of Laws (LL.M.) program. This post-professional degree program, open to students who have completed their first professional degrees in law, has initially admitted six international students who hold a first degree in law from a university in their own country.

The new general LL.M. is designed to offer a variety of options for graduate legal study and research. Although other programs will be phased in gradually, the Law School's new LL.M. provides lawyers from other countries an overview of the American legal system, as well as an opportunity to specialize in a specific subject area, such as finance transactions, intellectual property, family law, labor law, legal history, corporations, tax, or law and society.

Students enrolled in the program must complete at least 24 credit hours of coursework and will have the opportunity to choose among 50 courses and 40 seminars, allowing them to tailor their LL.M. degree to meet their individual career objectives.

All students will participate in the yearlong LL.M. Colloquium designed to provide students trained in other legal systems with an overview of the American legal system and institutions of law and government; the analysis and interpretation of legal materials as commonly practiced in classroom settings; legal research methods and resources; skills and conventions involved in writing legal scholarship; preparation for satisfying the LL.M. writing requirement; and

exposure to American legal practice, including visits to private law firms, public-interest and government law practices, federal and state courts, and meetings with federal officials.

Prior to their enrollment, international LL.M. students have the option of participating in English for Law Study Program (ELSP) offered by UB's English Language Institute in cooperation with the Law School. This unique summer program prepares international LL.M. students for the linguistic, academic and social challenges for study in U.S. law schools.

Now up and running, the program has attracted students from such locales as Turkey, Korea, Colombia and Austria. "I am delighted to have such a diverse and accomplished group of students entering our inaugural class," says Johanna Oreskovic, director of post-professional programs for the Law School. "We look forward to having an excellent year."

UB Law Forum spoke with three of the international students in the LL.M. program to hear their perspectives on how a Buffalo legal education works for them.

Adriana Brigatti is from Colombia, but has lived in the United States for 10 years. She holds a master of public health degree from Yale University, as well as a J.D. earned in her home country. Her main interest is in health care law; she has worked at Rochester's Strong Memorial Hospital on an institutional review board, ensuring that human subjects are treated ethically dur-

ing research studies.

"I wanted to get a better idea of the American legal system and delve deeper into what I have learned here," Brigatti says. "Students who

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come here have a great opportunity, because the Law School will tailor the program to your area of interest. UB has a strong health law curriculum. It is something that not every student has the opportunity to do in other countries."

As the mother of a 3-year-old, and a commuter from Rochester, she also appreciates the school's flexibility. "It is possible to schedule subjects in a way that you can be a mom, you can be a commuter, you can be somebody with other activities and still take these classes," Brigatti says.

Also coming from Rochester is Gunce Okat, whose husband is an MBA student at the University of



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Rochester. Okat holds a law degree from Ankara University in Turkey. Her area of specialty is finance law. She is on a leave of absence from her work as a legal adviser to one of the biggest private banks in Turkey, Garanti Bank in Istanbul.

"I am familiar with banking law and commercial paper," Okat says. "Finance law is a little bit different. I want to ac-

quire an in-depth knowledge of finance law, and there are very good classes at Buffalo. I think it will be a good opportunity for me."

Lukas Stuhlpfarrer, an Austrian who earned his law degree in the United Kingdom, also has an MBA from the University of Chicago. He has practiced law, has been managing director of a real estate law firm and has worked as a consultant in real estate.

"My prime interest in Buffalo is in focusing on real estate finance and public real estate securities, dealing with publicly traded securities like real estate investment trusts," he says. "What I found appealing about Buffalo is that I can customize my program. It is not a full-fledged curriculum that is set out for you. That is really appealing for professionals who have a clear set of interests."

"My law firm has been working with international accounting firms as legal counsel, doing securities law and taxation. For example, we have worked with corporate leasing contracts with Austrian, American, and Japanese companies. You need to know corporate, real estate and tax law in each country and be knowledgeable about American law."

"I was looking at other universities, but I found Buffalo the most attractive. It is going to be an interesting first year as the inaugural class – a new experience for everybody involved here."



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## WORLDS of OPPORTUNITY

### *New exchange programs extend our global presence*

**S**pin a globe, stop it with your finger, and chances are you will be near a spot where UB Law School is extending its worldwide reach through student and faculty exchange programs. With a new general master of laws program aimed at international students and an increasing number of opportunities for students and professors to deepen their legal education abroad, UB Law is rapidly solidifying its presence on the world stage.

"As globalization has proceeded, in some ways there is no such thing as purely domestic law anymore," says Professor David M. Engel, director of international programs. "Almost every field of law that we teach has been affected by contacts with other social and legal systems, with transnational organizations and practices, and with global flows of people and ideas.

"The advantages of international programs for American students are extraordinary. For example, when you are teaching torts or property, or any of the traditional American law subjects, it is tremendously valuable to have someone from another legal system in the classroom who can explain that there are other ways to think about these subjects. It gives our students a broader perspective on how our legal

system works, what choices we have made and what alternatives are available. It provides American students with an expanded set of personal and professional relationships that will be mutually beneficial after graduation.

"It is also a great opportunity for the international students who come to UB to study law. Their legal systems, like ours, are also becoming globalized. Lawyers from those countries who attend schools like UB Law become a kind of cultural bridge after they graduate. They can act as go-betweens in international transactions. They are people who can speak two 'legal languages.'"

UB Law's longest-standing student exchange agreement is with the School of Law of Esade Universitat Ramon Llull, in Barcelona, Spain. Established in 1998, it allows for as many as four U.S. students and four from Spain to spend a semester across the ocean. This semester, Gloria Folguera Ventura is visiting UB Law as an exchange student from Barcelona. "Students who have gone there have come back with glowing reports," Engel says.

Professor Markus Dubber, through professional contacts in his specialty of criminal law, is working on two exchanges that will involve both students and faculty. A just-signed agreement with Scotland's University of Glasgow School of Law provides for "scholarly exchange and collaboration" and will enable up to four students each academic year to study abroad.

"I was invited to several conferences in Scotland, including two in Glasgow, where people were interested in exchange programs and collabora-



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rating with us," Dubber says.

A similar agreement is now before the faculty of the University of Frankfurt School of Law in Germany, and Dubber says they hope this fall to finalize details for the exchange of students and faculty. "There is a basic commitment to collaborate on projects and programs and conferences, but no similar provision about numbers of people," he says.

Such exchanges, Dubber says, "make the Law School a more integrated, global place, and make it more attractive for potential students and faculty."

Newly emerging agreements with





law schools in Thailand and Korea, Engel says, grew out of a recognition that those universities were developing innovative master of laws programs. "We decided that by forming partnerships with them, it might provide another channel where both faculty members and students could learn and work together with people in other countries," he says.

**A** program with Chiangmai University in northern Thailand has been launched within the framework of a pre-existing university-to-university exchange agreement, and some UB Law faculty have

already visited there to teach and consult. "In coming years, as Chiangmai's new LL.M. program develops, we hope there will be additional opportunities for faculty members and students from both institutions," Engel says.

An agreement was recently concluded between UB Law School and the College of Law and the Graduate School of Intellectual Property Law at Chungnam National University in Daejeon Korea. Located in Korea's Silicon Valley, CNU has begun an innovative graduate program in intellectual property law. UB Law graduate Dariush Keyhani '01 now serves as a visiting professor at CNU and helped to facilitate this new partnership, which con-

templates the exchange of both students and faculty members.

"Our partnership with Chungnam National University envisions that they will send LL.M. students to UB. These students will typically have backgrounds as patent examiners in the Korean Intellectual Property Office, which grants the third-largest number of patents in the world. This will be an elite group of experienced and highly trained individuals with Ph.D. degrees in various fields. We also expect to send UB Law students to study in Daejeon," Engel says.



## WHERE THE ART IS

### Baldy Center addresses issues surrounding looted artworks

**T**he cloak-and-dagger world of the secret market in artworks, and the legal and social issues that museums and libraries confront when handling items of cultural heritage, were the focus of a two-day conference at UB Law School.

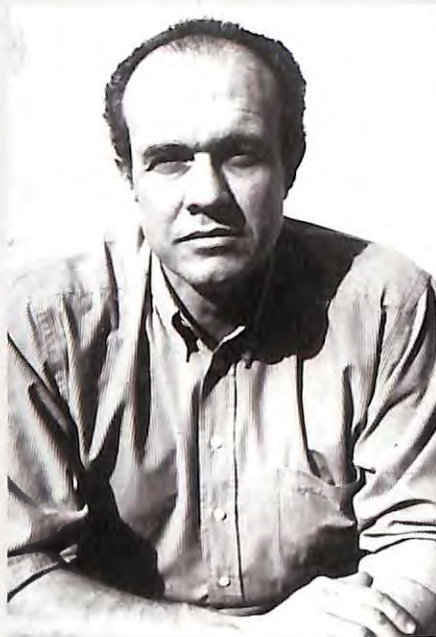
The April 1-2 conference, sponsored by the Law School's Baldy Center on Law and Social Policy, featured a keynote address by Hector Feliciano, a well-known cultural analyst and author of *The Lost Museum: The Nazi Conspiracy to Steal the World's Greatest Works of Art*.

Among the topics of the discussions: "Cultural Material: Property or Heritage?"; "Guarding the Guardians of Culture"; "Holocaust Era Assets"; and "Native American and Indigenous Peoples Artifacts." The interdisciplinary panelists included curators, representatives of Native peoples, legal scholars and other academics, and education technologists.

Conference organizers noted that the topic is particularly timely given recent events in Afghanistan and Iraq, as well as ongoing disputes over Native American remains and the return of artwork to Holocaust victims and their heirs.

Though the second day of the conference was held in the Center for the Arts, Feliciano's lecture was staged in the Buffalo & Erie County Historical Society auditorium to accommodate a wider public.

Feliciano began by noting that Adolf Hitler and Hermann Goering were art enthusiasts – indeed, Hitler applied twice for admission to the School of



Hector Feliciano gave the keynote address.

Fine Arts in Vienna. "He thought of himself as an artist all the time," the speaker said. "His taste was mixed, but he did know his art history."

The Nazis' conquest of France, and particularly Paris, fed that passion, because Paris was at that time the center of the art world. Picasso, Matisse and Braques were doing work there; art was being bought and sold, collected and written about.

The Nazis' looting of those treasures, Feliciano said, "started on the very first day of the occupation." By the end of the four-year occupation, he said, the Nazis had looted about 100,000 works of art and 1 million books and manuscripts – one-third of all the art in private hands in France, about 200 collections. Of those works, an estimated 20,000 to 40,000 are still missing: paintings, drawings, sculptures and objets d'art.

With a staff of 60 working to catalog their ill-gotten art, the Nazis took over a small museum near the Louvre for storage. They categorized anything post-impressionism as "degenerate" art, which could not be sent back to Germany but could be bartered worldwide for other works.

Feliciano then showed an evocative series of slides of artworks stolen by the Nazis, some of which remain missing. Vermeer's "The Astronomer," for instance, a beautifully lighted painting of a bearded man with a globe by a window, went directly to Hitler as a companion piece to "The Geographer," which the dictator already owned. Hitler intended that his personal collection would become the core of museum to be built in his hometown in Austria.

A simple, elegant Picasso nude drawing from the early 1920s was taken from Paul Rosenberg, an important Parisian art dealer who had secreted his collection in southwest France when the Germans arrived. The move couldn't safeguard the works from the invaders, and 60 to 70 paintings remain missing – including this one. "I am sure that it is somewhere, and it will surface someday," Feliciano said.

**A**nother piece taken from Rosenberg was a Degas portrait of a young girl. "Among the Nazis," Feliciano said, "the only group who liked impressionism were the diplomats. They looted this painting and put it in the German embassy in Paris. Then the painting disappeared." In 1987, Rosenberg's daughter-in-law saw an ad in a British art magazine for an auction in Hamburg – featuring this very portrait. She called the dealer and was told the painting was there on consignment. When she called a few days later, consigner and painting had disappeared.

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*The slides included some photographs of the Nazi looters at work, including one of Goering himself inspecting a stolen painting with a Nazi art historian. In the background, a man opens a bottle of champagne.*



A crowd filled the Buffalo & Erie County Historical Society auditorium for the Baldy Center lecture.

tographs of the Nazi looters at work, including one of Goering himself inspecting a stolen painting with a Nazi art historian. In the background, a man opens a bottle of champagne. "Every time there was a big new acquisition, they would make an exhibition for Goering. He would pick pieces for himself, unless Hitler had chosen them first," Feliciano said. "Goering was closest to the looting itself. He really took it over. ... They never saw it as looting. They considered that they were taking what belonged to them."

In keeping with the theme of the conference, Feliciano noted that the re-discovery and repatriation of looted artworks often raises complex legal questions. A 1914 cubist painting by



Professor Shubha Ghosh and Dr. Sandra Olsen.

Braques, "Man With a Guitar," was taken by the Nazis from the collection of French dealer Alphonse Kann collection, sold during the war to a major French collector, resold in the 1960s,

then sold in 1981 to the Pompidou Center without that French museum knowing that it had been looted. The Kann family is now seeking to reclaim the painting.

In addition to the Baldy Center, the conference was co-sponsored by UB Law School, UB Libraries, UB Art Galleries and Museum Studies, the departments of anthropology and art history, and UB's Canadian-American Studies Committee. The keynote address also was sponsored by the Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies, the Institute for Jewish Thought and the Buffalo & Erie County Historical Society.



## French aims to build foundation for study of Buddhist law



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*— Professor Rebecca Redwood French*

**By Donna Budniewski**

**I**n the early 1990s, Rebecca Redwood French spent several years living in India and Tibet, learning firsthand from Tibetans the intricacies of a legal system that was, prior to China's invasion, based primarily on Buddhist principles.

A legal anthropologist and a professor in the UB Law School, Rebecca French hopes to build an academic foundation for the study of Buddhist law in Asian societies and how it can inform the legal traditions of the West and the rest of the world.

A highly respected and world-renowned expert on Tibetan law, French has worked in the field for more than 20 years, speaks Tibetan and is a practicing Buddhist. While she shies away from talking about the Dalai Lama, much of the nearly four years she lived in Asia was spent at his compound in Dharmasala, India, studying with a former Tibetan magistrate and guru, and interviewing Tibetan refugees.

At one time a successful litigator, French now works primarily in the small field of legal anthropology, which, in part, examines the processes by which people regulate themselves, settle disputes, achieve resolution and avoid conflict within their communities, she says.

"I practiced law for about six years and then started thinking about the ethical implications of law, and the more I thought about it, the more I couldn't get away from it. I made the decision to go back into academics and, of course, everyone thought I was crazy from an economic point of view," says French.

Her goal now is to help build an academic foundation for the study of Buddhist law and how it can inform the legal traditions of the West and the rest of the world in the move toward globalization.

The Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy in the Law School recently hosted, with French and several others at the helm, a conference titled "Locating Buddhist Law in Society." The conference consisted of a major brainstorming session on ways to begin a more formalized study of Buddhist law within the academy. The event brought together scholars in





Buddhist and Asian studies, anthropology, history, sociology, religion and law. No one presented papers and everything was fair game for discussion, says French, adding that chaos was kept at bay by the distilling of hundreds of ideas into a fairly organized framework for future discussion. A documentary about the conference is being edited and a Web site devoted to the work generated at the conference is planned, as is development of bibliographies to post online, for starters.

French views herself partly as a facilitator in helping fulfill the vision of the man she studied with in Dharmasala in spreading westward a fundamental understanding about a rich and complex legal heritage. Tibetan law – shaped and informed by a major world religion – still permeates Tibetan society, even in exile.

“The person I trained with for nearly four years was a high-level official and completely devoted to the Dalai Lama for his entire life. He had this real vision that Tibetan law and ideas about Buddhist law in general needed to get out to the West, and I was a conduit,” says French.

As she points out, the United States’ own laws and Constitution also were framed almost entirely in a religious context, although their secularization is nearly complete. In much of her work, she draws informative contrasts and parallels between both legal systems.

“The Tibetan legal system is very different because it takes each criminal case as unique and doesn’t make rules as a result of a case, so it has no connection to finality or closure — it’s not goal-oriented. That’s not to say there aren’t problems with that, but the aim is resolution in people’s minds. If the minds of those involved in a dispute are not harmonious at the end of the process, what they’ll tell you is that the anger will spill over somewhere else in society and cause further harm,” she says.

Legal anthropology fills a hole that French believes exists in the study and practice of law.

“The real problem is that you need people thinking about society in a larger sense, in a total way, and that is what’s

missing. Legal anthropology does that — it looks at how we are dressing and the way we talk to each other. It asks questions about sanctions, the lack of communal values and the kinds of dispute practices that exist in a society.

“It can focus on everything from how legal decisions are made in a commodities market to how prostitution is sanctioned in society,” she notes. “Legal anthropologists are invariably asking questions that are, to a large extent, antagonistic to the legal profession. They’re not asking, ‘How can you be a lawyer more effectively,’ which has more to do with economic gain,” she says.

**B**ecause of the reputation of the Dalai Lama and ideas centered on compassion, thoughtfulness, ethics and right living as themes flooding the popular press, French believes that the formal study of Buddhist law is essential and, for academe, only a matter of time.

“If there’s anything that Iraq and Afghanistan have taught us, it is that we really need to think about the relationship between religion and law. We just have to figure out how to tap that relationship and give it a strong academic visibility and foundation.”

French’s own pioneering work, *The Golden Yoke: The Legal Cosmology of Tibet*, is considered an important contribution to historical and comparative legal studies. In part, she notes the processes of dispute settlement used by Tibetans and gives a detailed description of their worldview. Interestingly, French points out that in cases of murder in Tibetan society, emphasis was placed on compensation, not only to the victims, but to others affected by the crime, and in many cases, the offender could be publicly punished.



# Law School Report



Huiqun (Cindy) Zhu '06 and Richard C. Heffern '69.



Approximately 350 mentors and mentees met for the first time in February at the Center for Tomorrow.



Robert B. Conklin '68 and Alexandra Maloney '06.



Patricia Potts '99, Fan Zhang '06 and Dominika Tanianis '06





Bryn D. Powell '06 and Ronald J. Winter '81.

## Mentoring magic

**U**B law School has put into place a wide-ranging mentoring program that has drawn national attention in the *National Jurist* magazine. Each member of the first-year class is matched with one of more than 200 mentors who are practicing lawyers or judges. Students and mentors are matched according to their interests, and the relationship is expected to continue throughout their law school years. Students find that mentors are invaluable as they approach the big decisions that have to be made with respect to choosing a career path. If you want to become a mentor, call Lisa Patterson, associate dean for career services, at (716) 645-2056 or e-mail her at [lpatter@buffalo.edu](mailto:lpatter@buffalo.edu).



Photos by Don Dannecker

Jenelle A. Callender '06 and Mary Enright Fleming '85.



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## Old haunts, new life

*Vintage Law School building becomes a law library*

In a project with special resonance for UB Law School graduates – especially those who attended classes at the school's old downtown Buffalo home – the law library of the State Supreme Court, Eighth District, is now in a new home.

The library's new address is 77 W. Eagle St., known to generations of UB Law graduates as the Law School's longtime home. The school moved to its current Amherst facility in 1973.

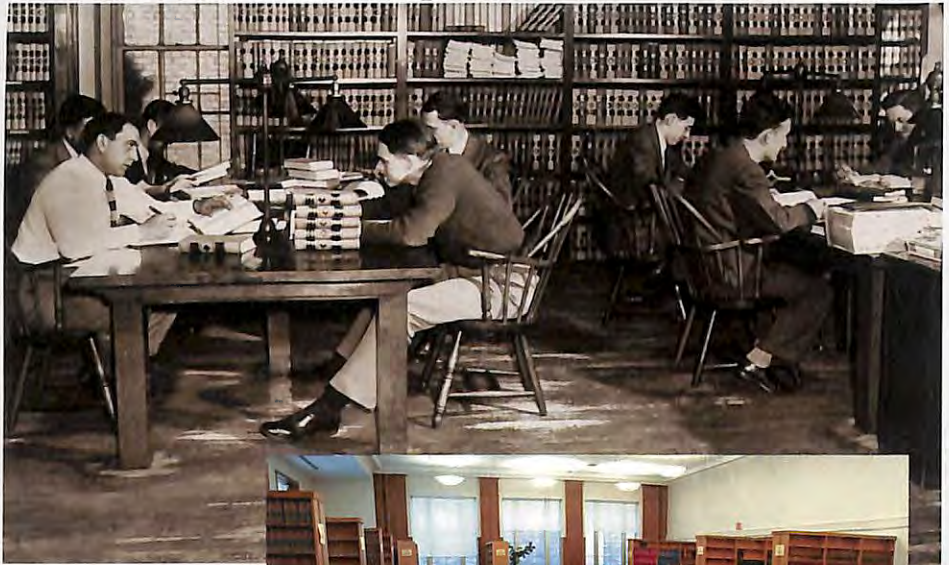
The state Unified Court System chose the four-story building at 77 W. Eagle for its new library facility, as part of an \$87 million court facilities improvement project. It is the first segment of that project to be completed after completion of the new Erie County Family Court building in 2001.

"We had been in old County Hall at 92 Franklin St. since the 1870s, so obviously it was time for things to be redone," said Law Librarian Jim Sahlem. "We had 12,000 or 13,000 square feet there; here we have about 21,000 square feet. We no longer have to insert new out-of-state statutes with a shoe-horn."

Other highlights, he said: "The office area is improved. Our technology room now accommodates eight PCs instead of the three or four that we were using before. There is significantly more space for microforms. Literally every part of the facility is improved, including the atmospherics, with central air filtration and central air conditioning."

Most notable from a UB Law point of view is the library's new fourth-floor reading room – installed in the area that used to contain the UB Law School library. "It is an absolutely wonderful room," Sahlem said. "Everyone raves about it."

In large part, that is because the room was furnished and remodeled to be true to how it looked during its Law School days. "We were lucky enough to find microfilm that the facilities group at UB had on file that had all the original blueprints of the library," said



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architect Paul Battaglia of Hamilton Houston Lownie.

"When the county took it over, they put in a lot of partitions and suspended a ceiling, to make chambers for the judges. We took out all those partitions and the ceiling. There is a beautiful plaster cornice around the entire perimeter that we were able to restore. Also, we found most of the original white oak shelving units in various offices. We rebuilt the ones we were able to salvage."

In addition to the reading room, the building's main halls, entrance and stairway were restored to retain a lot of its original character, Battaglia said.

The library and its staff of nine pri-

marily serves members of the local bar and bench, but members of the general public also are allowed to use it. The law library occupies the top three floors of the building; the ground floor is a day care center for the children of county employees.

The UB Law connection is a strong one. Says Sahlem: "Practically every attorney who graduated from UB Law School when this was a Law School building asks one question in particular: 'Do you have an elevator?' They were never able to get one.

"Yes, we do."



# Introducing the Class of 2007

**T**he 247 students who make up UB Law School's Class of 2007 – the class just now learning the legal ropes in the classrooms of O'Brian Hall – are diverse in age, geography, origins and life experience, but they share a crucial ingredient for success in law school: smarts.

Nearly one in 10 already holds an advanced degree. Their median grade point average of 3.44, and their median LSAT score of 155, demonstrate the high academic quality of this newest group of UB Law's future alumni.

"Our tradition of admitting smart, hard-working, diverse and interesting students continues," says Lillie V. Wiley-Upshaw, associate dean and director of admissions and financial aid. "There are non-traditional students, defined as anyone not directly out of undergraduate school; parents; people from out of state and throughout the state of New York; students who lived in the inner city and some who grew up in rural settings. We have war veterans, and others opposed to military service; first-generation students, and others whose mothers and fathers are attorneys."

The students range in age from 20 to 50, with 54 percent men and 46 percent women. Fourteen percent are from out of state, Wiley-Upshaw says, and 9 percent are from other countries, including Korea, China, Canada and Spain.

Coming to law school out of scientific backgrounds seems to be more common. Twenty-seven Class of 2007 students were science majors in undergraduate or graduate school, representing such disciplines as biology, chemistry, electrical engineering, and aerospace and aeronautical engineering.

Among the undergraduate institutions represented are Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Georgetown, Notre Dame and the University of California.



Left to right: Members of the Class of 2007 include Lisa M. Gibertoni, Kelly A. Connors, Burim Namani and Amanda Bowman.

## Meet a few of the new students:

**Harven DeShields** was forced to flee his native Liberia with his family. He earned a bachelor's degree at Appalachian State University and holds a Ph.D. in biology from UB.

**Brian Kloss** is a dental student on leave from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of the New Jersey School of Osteopathic Medicine.

**Claire LaVaute** is a librarian and graduate of the University of California-Santa Cruz and San Jose State University. She drove from San Francisco in a vintage Volkswagen Beetle – never breaking 55 mph.

## Class of 2007 profile

Enrolled	246
Selectivity	38%
Median GPA	3.44
Median LSAT	155
Average age	25
Age range	20 to 50
Women	46%
Men	54%
Students of color	24%
Out of state enrollment	14%
States represented	19
International enrollment	9%
Countries represented	6
Students with advanced degrees	8%

Photo by Don Danner



# Law School Report



Dr. Robert J. Genco, SUNY Distinguished Service Professor Emerita Virginia A. Leary, and Dean Nils Olsen.

## Class of 2004 told to

**W**ith a world of opportunities lying before them, UB Law School's 2004 graduates heard an exhortation to be aware of global realities during commencement exercises on May 15.

Held in the Center for the Arts, it was the Law School's 115th commencement. Receiving degrees were 20 master of laws candidates and 239 candidates for the juris doctor degree.

"While the journey may have seemed at times a long, strange trip, I am confident you will remember it fondly," Law School Dean Nils Olsen said in welcoming the Class of 2004. "Thank you for your contributions to the

Law School community."

Also offering a welcome was the new president of the University at Buffalo, John B. Simpson, who spoke of learning yet to come. "Make no mistake, you are the future of your profession,"

Simpson said. "You will shape the boundaries of both the theory and the practice of law. Fields of legal study will be determined and defined by your contributions and your knowledge and your desire to know more."

The student address was given by T.J. Fitzgerald '04, who spoke with poignance and humor about three years that changed the class and the world. "We did what everybody told us we would," Fitzgerald said. "We



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— Dr. John B. Simpson,  
president of the University  
at Buffalo





Far left, Mike E. Saint Pre '04 and family.

Left, Abib T. Conteh '04 with his family.

# grasp global realities

learned to love the law – well, mostly – and we learned to think like a lawyer, most of the time.”

Among the memories, he said, were painful ones from Sept. 11 of their first year in law school: “Like me, maybe you remember that Monday after Civil Procedure with the crowds spilling out of the Law School lounge, and then going in to see the impossible and learn the unthinkable as the streets of heaven were crowded so swiftly with so many.”

Fitzgerald reminded his classmates, “Law does not live in big thick volumes on a library shelf. Law does not live on a Web site somewhere in cyberspace. Law lives in the minds of its students, where it is tempered by mercy and with our discipline and with our passion – in a word, with our humanity.”

“Being a great lawyer is nothing compared to being a great spouse or a great parent or a great friend. Maybe as the rules of law speak to

the tactician in each of us, the spirit of law will speak to the humanity in all of us.”

**L**ongtime student favorite Virginia A. Leary, now retired from her UB Law professorship and pursuing her work in human rights law from her home in Geneva, Switzerland, gave the keynote address.

“Buffalo Law School has always meant to me a very

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Amy Lynn Teresi '04 announces the staff award winner.



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— T.J. Fitzgerald '04



Lauren J. Berrol '04 is helped with her hood by Professor Kenneth F. Joyce.

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special law school," she began. "It is a law school that gives meaning. It is a law school where innovation and experimentation in teaching methods and student participation are essential assets. And you have an outstanding faculty. It is a special law school, and you should be very proud to be graduates of UB."

Consonant with her work in human rights and international law, Leary used the occasion to address the controversy surrounding some U.S. soldiers' mistreatment of Iraqi prisoners. She noted that the controversy was "an example of the role and importance of international law."

"Your generation is better educated about international law than those of us educated a long time ago," Leary



Virginia A. Leary and Dean Nils Olsen.

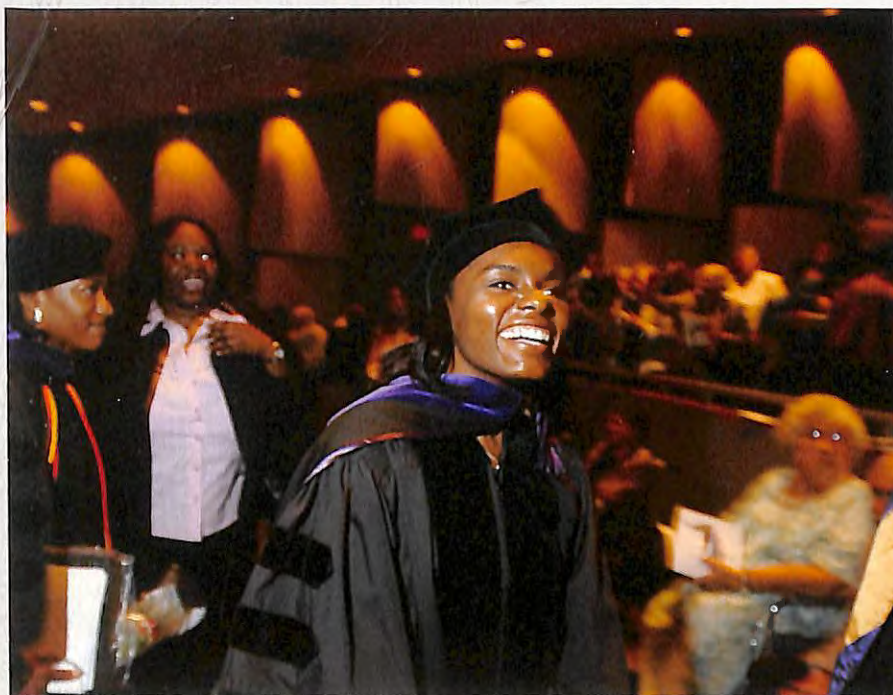
said. "International law is important because, if we violate international law, others may feel that they can violate it, and this in turn may cause terrible harm to U.S. citizens. For this reason, if for no other, we must treat prisoners that we take in accordance with the Geneva Conven-

tions."

But international law also exists to safeguard human rights, she said, citing a case before the International Court of Justice in The Hague. That court held that the United States had violated a treaty requiring that Mexicans be offered consular assistance before being tried in U.S. courts, and sent the case back to the United States, perhaps for retrial.

To the graduating students on the verge of careers in law, Leary issued some words of challenge: "You are committed to justice. And I hope that through all your professional life, you will never forget that you are concerned with justice. But not justice only for Americans, not justice only in the United States, but justice toward the entire world. Justice for all men and women no matter what their citizen-





Randa R. Hill '04 gets ready to march on stage.



Cindy C. Majewski '04.

## Latin Honors 2004

### *Summa Cum Laude*

Stephen Patrick  
McAndrew

### *Magna Cum Laude*

Garrett Eugene Bissell  
Lisa Danish  
Penny A. Dentinger  
Nicholas John DiCesare  
Cynthia Ann Giganti  
Jean Harris Gustafson  
Brian Gary Manka  
Michael Hunt McCormick  
Aidana K. Nurgaliyeva  
Elizabeth L. Perry  
Todd Matthew Thomas  
Jocelyn E. Torres  
Alexandra Elizabeth  
Jane Townson  
Jessica S. Wiltse

### *Cum Laude*

Jesse Brian Baldwin  
Timothy Alfred Ball  
Mary Jane Barnes  
Kimberly J. Boneham  
Christy Marie Canali  
Young Jae Cho  
Shannon Lyn Farley  
Heather A. Giambra  
Lawrence Christopher Gierum  
Bethany J. Gilbert  
Gabriel McCabe Gilman  
Ellen Rita Heidrick  
Amy Paulson Herstek  
Lana Michelle Huston  
Pamela J. Kirkwood  
Britta Loren Lukomski  
Norah Kathryn Mallam  
Jennifer Marie Valvo McCann  
Christopher Michael Pannozzo  
Michael J. Pastrick  
Gina Marie Pellegrino  
Krystal Ann Petrie  
Johnna Lynn Pike  
Amy E. Przewozny

### *Cum Laude*

Susan P. Reinecke  
Mindy Ann Reynolds  
Dylan A. Runyan  
Janelle Marie Tandle  
David B. Teigman  
Amy Lynn Teresi  
Sara Susanne Van Strydonck



# Law School Report

## COMMENCEMENT AWARDS

**T**he first Albert R. Mugel Award recognizing proficiency in future interests and estate planning law was presented to Jennifer Marie Valvo McCann of Buffalo during the Law School's recent commencement ceremony. The new award is named in memory of Albert R. Mugel '41, one of the founders of the Buffalo-based law firm of Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel LLP. He taught future interests and estate planning at the Law School as an adjunct professor for more than 50 years.

According to Dean Nils Olsen, a total of 50 students received awards and honors during the Law School's commencement ceremony. Eight students were multiple award winners. They are:

- **Lisa Danish** of Tonawanda, the Max Koren Award for scholastic achievement, leadership and dedication to the ideals of the law; the Dale S. Margulis Award for having contributed the most to the Law School and the community; the Judge Matthew J. Jasen Appellate Practice Award for outstanding achievement in appellate advocacy; a Law Faculty Award recognizing outstanding contributions to the Law School community, and election into The Order of Barristers, a national honor society composed of students who have excelled in the art of oral advocacy and service to the Moot Court Board.

- **Aidana K. Nurgaliyeva** of Amherst, the American Bankruptcy Institute Medal for excellence in the study of bankruptcy law; the Adolf Homburger Law Alumni Association Award for academic achievements in civil procedure and compassion for people; and the National Association of Women Lawyers Award for academic achievement and contributions to the advancement of women in society.

- **Christopher Michael Pannozzo** of Buffalo, the Professor Louis Del Cotto Award for excellence in the study of taxation; the Edith and David Goldstein Award for outstanding performance in debtor-creditor and bankruptcy law; and a Robert J. Connelly Trial Technique Award.

- **Shruti Amin** of Vestal, a Law Faculty Award recognizing outstanding contributions to the Law School community, and, along with the ADR Committee, the New York State Bar Association/Law Student Bar Association Achievement Award. The award recognizes activities that constitute a positive contribution through the New York State Bar Association, the American Bar Association or a local or topical bar association to the aims of the

legal professional and the extension of justice to the people of the State of New York and/or the people of the United States.

- **Ronald Castorina Jr.** of Staten Island, a Robert J. Connelly Trial Technique Award and election into The Order of Barristers, a national honor society composed of students who have excelled in the art of oral advocacy and service to the Moot Court Board.

- **Amy Paulson Herstek** of Amherst, the Laidlaw Law Alumni Association Award for the best performance in commercial law and the Harry A. Rachlin Prize in Real Property Law and Real Estate Transactions Award for excellence in the areas of real property law, housing, housing finance and real estate transactions.

- **Shaleeya B. Link** of Rochester, the Justice M. Dolores Denman Award, presented to graduating seniors who are custodial parents, and the Minority Bar Association of Western New York Award for scholastic achievement and leadership, as well as for significant commitment to effectuating changes within the legal system that address the needs of the minority community.

- **Laura Allen Miskell** of Lockport, the American Bar Association and the Bureau of National Affairs Award for excellence in labor and employment law, and the New York State Bar Association Law Student Bar Association Ethics Award for exemplifying legal professional responsibility or legal ethics.

Other students receiving awards during commencement and their awards are:

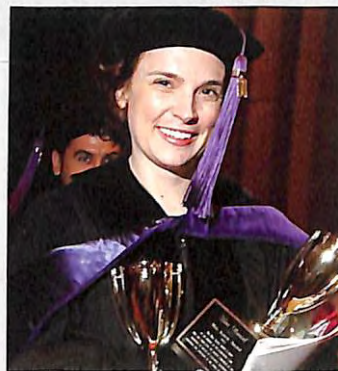
- **Jesse Brian Baldwin** of Buffalo, the Judge William J. Regan Award for proficiency in estates and surrogate's law, as well as having a strong concern for public service and public welfare.

- **Laurie Alane Batterson** of Savannah, N.Y., election into The Order of Barristers, a national honor society composed of students who have excelled in the art of oral advocacy and service to the Moot Court Board.

- **Sarah Elizabeth Bouvier** of Bristol, Vt., a Robert J. Connelly Trial Technique Award.

- **Lucille Ann Dadd** of Attica, a Robert J. Connelly Trial Technique Award.

- **Esther Garvey Eagan** of Buffalo, a Robert J. Connelly Trial Technique Award.



Award winner Lisa Danish '04.

- **Michael Kreag Ferullo** of Buffalo, a Robert J. Connelly Trial Technique Award.

- **Sarah Anne Filocamo** of Williamsville, election into The Order of Barristers, a national honor society composed of students who have excelled in the art of oral advocacy and service to the Moot Court Board.

- **Jennifer Ann Garcia**

of Edinburg, Texas, the Kenneth A. Gomez Memorial Award for striving for equality and justice for all minorities.

- **Bethany J. Gilbert** of Springville, the American Bar Association and the Bureau of National Affairs Award for superior academic performance in the field of health law.

- **Gabriel McCabe Gilman** of Port Jervis, the UB Law Alumni Association GOLD Group Award for outstanding leadership skills in advancing the mission of the Law School and enhancing its reputation for excellence in legal education.

- **Kevin Matthew Grossman** of Coren, election into The Order of Barristers, a national honor society composed of students who have excelled in the art of oral advocacy and service to the Moot Court Board.

- **Jeremy Brett Honig** of Plainview, N.J., election into The Order of Barristers, a national honor society composed of





1,600 family and friends packed the Center for the Arts main stage.

students who have excelled in the art of oral advocacy and service to the Moot Court Board.

- **Katie Lauren Houghton** of Buffalo, a Robert J. Connelly Trial Technique Award.
- **Hope Rachel Jay** of Buffalo, the Justice M. Dolores Denman Award, presented to graduating seniors who are custodial parents.
- **Ashley Wales Johnson** of Wellsville, the American Bar Association and the Bureau of National Affairs Award for excellence in intellectual property law.
- **Henry George Jones** of Tonawanda, the Birzon Prize in Clinical Legal Studies for excellence in the Law School's clinical and trial advocacy program.
- **Casie Lynn Judge** of Rochester, the Linda S. Reynolds Award for demonstrating an exceptional commitment to equal justice for the poor.
- **Kassandra Angelina King** of Brooklyn, the David Kochery Award for service and involvement in one or more student organizations and exceptional performance in procedures and remedies.
- **Pamela J. Kirkwood** of Wellsville, the Milton Kaplan Law and Social Development Award for exceptional commitment to the study of law and social development in an American, comparative or international context.
- **Colleen Katherine Mattrey** of Cheektowaga, the Justice M. Dolores Denman Award, presented to graduating

seniors who are custodial parents

- **Stephen Patrick McAndrew** of Buffalo, the John N. Bennett Achievement Award for the highest scholastic achievement in the graduating class.
- **Michael Hunt McCormick** of Concord, N.H., the Moot Evidence Award for the best performance in the area of evidence.
- **Charles A. Messina** of Tonawanda, election into The Order of Barristers, a national honor society composed of students who have excelled in the art of oral advocacy and service to the Moot Court Board.
- **Benjamin D. Moskel** of Amherst, the Edith and David Goldstein Award for outstanding performance in debtor-creditor and bankruptcy law.
- **Jeremy David Newman** of Amherst, election into The Order of Barristers, a national honor society composed of students who have excelled in the art of oral advocacy and service to the Moot Court Board.
- **Josephine S. Noble** of Buffalo, the Justice M. Dolores Denman Award, presented to graduating seniors who are custodial parents.
- **Michael J. Pastrick** of West Seneca, the Charles Dautch Award for excellence in real property law.
- **Chantrice Victoria Payne** of Buffalo, a Law Faculty Award recognizing outstanding contributions to the Law School community.

• **Johnna Lynn Pike** of Buffalo, the Women Lawyers of Western New York Award for exceptional academic and Law School activities in the areas of children's rights and/or family violence.

• **Richard Stephen Poveromo** of Buffalo, the Tom Headrick "Trees and Forest" Award for a student of corporate finance who most clearly recognizes that a corporate practitioner needs both to understand the transaction fully and to get the details correct.

• **Manuel Antonio Prado** of the Bronx, the Kenneth A. Gomez Memorial Award for striving for equality and justice for all minorities.

• **Jeremy David Schwartz** of Victor, election into The Order of Barristers, a national honor society composed of students who have excelled in the art of oral advocacy and service to the Moot Court Board.

• **Paul Bernard Shipper** of Hartsdale, election into The Order of Barristers, a national honor society composed of students who have excelled in the art of oral advocacy and service to the Moot Court Board.

• **Casey French Spencer** of Corning, election into The Order of Barristers, a national honor society composed of students who have excelled in the art of oral advocacy and service to the Moot Court Board.

• **Janelle Marie Tandle** of Geneva, the Maurice Frey Award for outstanding academic performance in family law.

• **David B. Teigman** of Pittsford, the Carlos C. Alden Award for making the greatest contribution to the *Buffalo Law Review*.

• **Eric Brian Tennen** of Miami, a Law Faculty Award recognizing outstanding contributions to the Law School community.

• **Jocelyn Esther Torres** of Amherst, the American Bar Association and the Bureau of National Affairs Award for excellence in labor and employment law.

• **Tatiana Vostok** of Williamsville, election into The Order of Barristers, a national honor society composed of students who have excelled in oral advocacy and service to the Moot Court Board.

• **Jessica S. Wiltse** of Kenmore, the Justice Philip Halpern Award for excellence in writing on the *Buffalo Law Review*.

• **Alyson Catherine Wutz** of Orchard Park, a Robert J. Connelly Trial Technique Award.



# Law School Report



Left to right, State Supreme Court Justice Kevin M. Dillon '76, presiding justice of the Appellate Division, Fourth Department Eugene F. Pigott '73; and U.S. Magistrate Judge H. Kenneth Schroeder '61.

## A FAMILIAR CASE

*Desmond moot court has something in common with the big leagues*

Great minds think alike: A few weeks after UB Law School's Desmond Moot Court Competition in October, the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments in the same case that the student litigants had used as their problem – a Washington state case testing whether the state is within its rights to deny scholarship money to a student who wanted to study theology.

The Supreme Court may have had more pomp and circumstance, but the weeklong Desmond competition was no less heartfelt.

The team of Erik Goergen and Joe Ippolito, both second-year students at UB Law and both veterans of the Faskin international moot court competition last year, emerged victorious over runners-up Gordon Lyon and John Rudy to pick up the en-

graved plaque as the winning team. Ippolito and Goergen also took first and second honors for best oralist; the team of Katie Metzen and Faye Vitagliano took top honors for best brief.

"I participated because I wanted real courtroom experience and the chance to argue in front of actual judges," Goergen said. "You do not usually get this experience for a few years after you graduate."

He and his partner prepared by reading the case law on the issue "and just debating among ourselves possible questions, trying to anticipate what the questions from the judges would be." It

was a good thing they did: In the final round – heard by Hon. Eugene F. Pigott '73, presiding justice of the Appellate Division, Fourth Department; U.S. Magistrate Judge H. Kenneth Schroeder '61; and State Supreme Court Justice Kevin M. Dillon '76 – Goergen had hardly launched into his prepared argument before he was embroiled in 15 minutes of questioning from the judges.

"Over the course of the week, the questions tend to get harder," Goergen said. "It was an unbelievable experience. This program depends on good judges volunteering (including a battery of volunteer attorneys acting as judges). We were impressed with the judges and appreciated their efforts. They knew the case and asked great questions."

His partner, Ippolito, is also a veteran of last year's Faskin international moot court, and the experience hooked him. "Arguing in front of interna-



Giuseppe A. (Joe) Ippolito '05 and Erik A. Goergen '05.





Photos by James P. McCoy

Student litigants during final rounds in the Francis A. Letro Courtroom.

tional law experts in a Canadian federal courthouse was exciting, and I wanted to try it again," he said.

"The most exciting aspect of the Desmond for me was standing in front of three accomplished judges. For 15 minutes I could tune out the audience behind me, tune out everything else going on in school. I could look the judges in the eye have a conversation with these three legal experts."

The competition, he said, was an exercise in foresight as well as intellectual give-and-take. "When you are answering a question during an oral argument, you have to watch out for two things," Ippolito said. "You have to answer the question, but you also have to watch your response, because the response you give now could set you up for a damaging concession a couple of questions later."

"The judges probe all aspects of your argument for potential weaknesses. Each side of the case is designed to have flaws; no one side is a slam-dunk argument. So part of the challenge is, how do you minimize



Joe Ippolito '05 makes his point.

the weaknesses in your case, whether it be factual issues or whether you try to create some sort of policy argument. Ultimately you can't ignore the weaknesses."

In the final round, the winning team argued in favor of the student who was seeking a scholarship. In naming Goergen and Ippolito the victors, the judges were deciding on the quality of the arguments rather than making a ruling in the case. The Supreme Court has yet to issue a decision in the real-life case.

Judge Schroeder, a veteran of moot court judging at the Law School, said, "Obviously it was a very, very difficult topic. It was not a slam-dunk by any means on either side."

The competition was also a chance for the final-round judges to try out the new Francis M. Letro Courtroom in O'Brian Hall. "It is always interesting to see students in action," Schroeder said. "It is a good practical experience for students to get on their feet and face a bombardment of questions from judges. I thought the arguments were very good."



# Law School Report

## Innovative course in advanced trial technique hones students' skills

**T**he course is called Advanced Trial Technique, and the UB Law School students who were learning the intricacies of litigation work this spring certainly showed they had advanced in skill. The innovative course gives students academic credit for preparing for and participating in trial team competitions. Three teams of students progressed far into the final rounds of two such competitions this spring.

"They know that it is good training to be trial lawyers," said Thomas P. "Tim" Franczyk, the Buffalo City Court judge who oversees the Advanced Trial Technique program. And it is no cakewalk: The students meet four or five times a week, Franczyk said, "working on different aspects of the case program; we evaluate their performance, and they come back the next day and do it again."

Franczyk was one of the coaches from the Western New York legal community who took a four-student UB Law team to the St. John's Invitational Tournament in the New York City area. In the 16-team tournament, UB's team – Sara Ogden, Matt Coseo, TerryAnn Llewellyn and Jamie Halavais – defeated teams from Michigan, Indiana and Houston to progress to the final round, before losing to the University of Florida team. The cases were argued before attorney judges in locations at St. John's Law School and in the Nassau County Supreme Court building.

"That type of experience, that type of pressure brings out the competitive spirit of the students," Franczyk said. "The competition itself brings out the best in them. All the work they have put in really blossoms during the competition. And with this particular team, the best I saw them perform was at the competition."

The civil case at issue concerned a woman who alleged she had been mistreated by police and emergency medical technicians who had intervened after she apparently became suicidal in her home. She was alleging that the city had violated her civil rights.

The UB Law team had to argue both

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Franczyk*

sides of the case in various rounds; second-year student Sara Ogden argued for the defense.

"It was the best experience I have had in law school," Ogden said. "I loved it. It really prepares you for real litigation practice. If that is what you intend to do, this is an opportunity not to be missed."

As for the course itself, Ogden said, "I think you spend significantly more time preparing than you would in preparing for any other two-credit class. It is five nights a week, three or four hours of practice, plus preparation at home."

**T**wo three-person teams from the Advanced Trial Technique course also competed in the National Trial Competition regional in Albany, where both advanced to the semifinal rounds. Individual students also took high honors for their oral advocacy, including John Ford at No. 2, Divitta Alexander at No. 9 and Megan Culliton at No. 10. The other student team members were Dan Morris, Leslie Travis and Kate Houghton.

The fact-based civil case was called *Elroy Fudd v. Caskets R Us*. The plaintiff had purchased a casket from the local funeral home in which to bury his 425-

pound grandmother. But as the pallbearers were carrying it to the gravesite, the unfortunate woman's body broke through and went rolling down the hill. The question at issue was one of liability.

"We had two really strong teams," said attorney Diane LaVallee '83, formerly of the New York State attorney general's office in Buffalo, who was a principal coach along with Julie Atti '03 and Kristin St. Mary '03. "There were no weak links in either team. This was probably first time UB sent two teams to the semifinals. We started practicing in January and spent a long time with these people."

Third-year student John Ford was within one point of taking the honors as top individual oralist. "You are judged on a combination of your trial skills, your advocacy skills and your presentation in the courtroom," he said.

He served as the "swing" member of his team – he was ready to argue for either side. "Since you have to know both sides of the case, it almost can work to your benefit," he said. "As a defense attorney, you have to know what the plaintiff is going to come at you with, and vice versa."

Of the trial competition, Ford said: "If there is anything I have learned, it is how important preparation is. It seemed sometimes that we spent every waking moment on this closing argument, or that cross-examination, and on and on. You are actually learning how to think on your feet, learning how to make an argument. This is a way to be around attorneys who have tried cases in courtrooms, and the experience and being able to deal with these attorneys has just been unbelievable for all of us."

Others who helped coach and teach the teams were James Grable Jr. '96, Brian Melber '96, Chris O'Brien, Brandon Portis '99, Andrew Fanizzi '99 and Peter Kooshoian Jr. '01.





Photo by Don Damecker

The Temple University Law School team, left, proved victorious, defeating a team from Creighton University Law School.

# Holding court in Buffalo

One of the biggest moot court competitions in the nation came to Buffalo and UB Law School from Oct. 8 to 10, 2004. The inaugural Buffalo-Niagara Invitational Mock Trial Competition hosted 34 four-person teams, representing 23 local schools from nine states and Puerto Rico.

The competition was the first entirely organized and hosted by UB Law, said Buffalo City Court Judge Thomas P. "Tim" Franczyk, who worked with a group of law students to organize the event.

UB Law's team was one of 26 that were eliminated after the competition's preliminary rounds, held at Buffalo City Court. The Temple University Law School team proved victorious, defeating

a team from Creighton University Law School. State Supreme Court Justice John Lane presided over the final round, held in the Francis M. Letro Courtroom at the Law School; a team of six attorneys sat in the jury box, awarding grades based on the quality of the advocacy.

The case, prepared by Franczyk, was based on the real-life story of a man who survived an unprotected plunge over Niagara Falls, but it added a charge of felony murder based on the fictional death of a rescue worker who suffered a fatal fall during the subsequent rescue.

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# Law School Report

## Dean's Advisory Council members bring their expertise to class

**A**s the practice of law becomes increasingly specialized, even knowing the range of career options open to new attorneys becomes a challenge. A recent initiative arising from UB Law School's Dean's Advisory Council aims to bridge that knowledge gap by bringing into the classroom lawyers practicing in widely varied specialties.

The idea came out of brainstorming sessions among the Dean's Advisory Council, a national group of UB Law alumni who work to help maintain continuity between the Law School curriculum and the real-world practice of law.

"We started thinking about how the alumni can help in terms of broadening students' perceptions of what the law is all about and what kinds of careers they could have," said Thomas R. Bremer '79, chairman of the group and the retired senior vice president of U.S. Surgical Corp. "We want to broaden their perspective."

Attorneys will come to the Law School and present to a single class session, with the possibility of meeting with faculty and administrators as well. Members of the Dean's Advisory Council are recruiting for the project first among themselves, building on a series of lectures Bremer presented a couple of years ago about corporate acquisitions, his field of expertise.

In addition to Bremer, other DAC members who have already taught in the law school include Jeffrey L. Tanenbaum '76, a partner in Weil, Gotshal & Manges; Brian M. Martin '88, vice president of Sun Microsystems Inc.; and Gerry and Judith Ittig '71, of Ittig & Ittig, P.C.

The first presenter in the new DAC program was Gary A. DeWaal '80, executive vice president and general counsel of the financial services firm Fimat

USA. He met March 3 with Professor John Henry Schlegel's class and spoke about the regulation of derivatives.

DeWaal teaches at Brooklyn Law School a course called Derivatives Trading: Practice and Law, and says wryly that "it was easy for me to come up to UB, because I just collapsed my 14-week course to three hours."

**B**ut he said it was important to expose UB Law students to his practice area. "I love this field," he said, "and there is nothing like this taught at UB Law School. I happen to think it is a growth field, in such areas as prosecution of money laundering. I hope that UB Law does expand its program in financial services. There are opportunities here in New York City, and as they expand the program I hope that more UB Law graduates will take advantage of them."

He also took the opportunity to note the value of the joint J.D./MBA program he took at UB, saying that it prepared him well for the complexities of corporate law.

Deborah J. Scott, vice dean for de-

velopment, said the initiative is intended to have a mentoring component as well, by enabling students and practitioners to network and by providing students with a friendly contact as they plan their careers.

"The intention is to give opportunities to students to be mentored in a variety of ways," she said, "either on the day the alumnus comes in or perhaps later on."

"Also behind all this," Scott said, "is the showcasing of our successful alumni, to give students the knowledge that there are many very successful attorneys out there doing a variety of interesting jobs, and unique sorts of jobs that they would not normally have known about. I think that shines a light on our alumni."

"For the alumni, there is a lot of satisfaction in helping students ultimately get into careers that really work for them. And I think there is an aspect to this which is linked to Career Services, in that if we can help our students get good jobs in some of these areas, it continues to enhance the reputation of the Law School."

Adds Bremer, the Dean's Advisory Council chairman: "What we are striving for is people who started a different career path. We were really looking for people with unusual backgrounds who can come in and say, you do not have to do what everybody else is doing."





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# Law School Report

## Career Services knocks on new doors

*Using faculty and alumni resources in new ways*

Sometimes the friend-of-a-friend can help you get through a closed door. That is the philosophy behind a fledgling set of efforts by UB Law School alumni, faculty and staff aimed at broadening the range of employment opportunities for UB Law students.

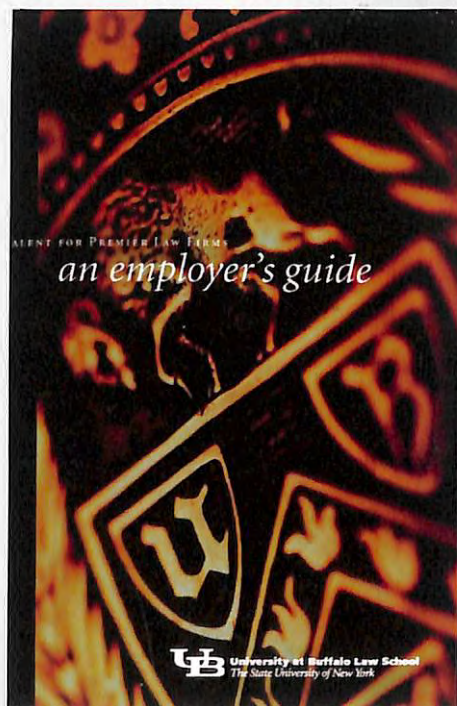
The initiative grew out of a meeting of the Dean's Advisory Council, a group of prominent UB Law alumni who work with Dean Nils Olsen to bridge the gap between academics and legal practice.

"The DAC has been wanting to find a way to help the school place students in good jobs – places the alumni have access to, places the students have not gone before," says Lisa M. Patterson, associate dean for career services.

As an initial attempt to accomplish that, DAC member Bradley Gayton '91, director of global trade for Ford Motor Co., referred to the Law School a tax consulting firm with which he had contact. That firm interviewed nine students on campus and hired Rosemary Garlapow, now a third-year student, for an internship in summer 2004.

"That particular firm was doing work for us at the Buffalo Stamping Plant," Gayton says. "The firm is based in Michigan, but it does tax consulting work throughout the country as well as in Canada and Europe. They were in the area, so that worked out nicely."

Similarly, DAC member Gary DeWaal '80, senior executive vice president and group general counsel for Fimat USA, in New York City, came to UB Law when his firm hired interns for the first time. "We had an immediate need," DeWaal says. "We always seem to get behind on some projects. I



thought we would try starting a program using legal interns."

The students, Katie Walsh and Anthony Jordan, enjoyed some real-world lessons in exchange-traded derivatives, not to mention a visit to a Brooklyn Cyclones Class A baseball game.

Three other alumni have been welcoming UB applicants for internships next summer with their New York City firms – ones that traditionally have not gone out of their way to hire UB Law students.

The broader initiative, Patterson says, bolstered by a sophisticated new brochure with testimonials from six UB Law grads at top New York City law

firms, is "really a way to get the alumni to think more broadly about hiring. In some ways, the name of the game is exposure. If you have someone who is willing, especially someone who has a relationship with the employer and can intervene and talk UB Law School up as an alumnus, that goes a long way."

Gayton, with Hodgson Russ attorney Robert Conklin '68, is heading a subcommittee of the Dean's Advisory Council looking at such career services issues. He notes that the effort is in its infancy and would benefit from the support of other alumni in law firms, corporate positions and public service agencies.

"We want to solicit people in firms to consider students' resumes even if they are not committed to coming on campus," Gayton says. "For those people who have non-traditional careers in-house or working in business, if there is an opportunity to influence the firms they are working with to get them to consider students, that would help a lot. They can encourage the firm to step up, whether it is a non-firm clerkship or inside a corporation. The bigger opportunity is to try to influence all the firms we are doing business with that are serving as outside counsel."

At a recent Dean's Advisory Council meeting, the career services subgroup examined its charge to "place more of our good students in top firms and great jobs." "We discussed the various parts of that proposition," Conklin says. "Are we only looking to place the good students? What is a top firm? What is a great job?"

"We discovered in our meeting, happily, that the people who volunteered to participate in that discussion



### Class of 2003 Salaries

	Low	High
Private practice		
501+	\$75,000	\$125,000
251-500	65,000	125,000
101-250	40,000	108,000
51-100	40,000	68,000
26-50	38,000	75,000
11-25	35,000	80,000
2-10	22,800	80,000
Business & Industry	\$31,200	\$100,000
Government	\$30,000	\$75,000
Public Interest	\$28,250	\$43,000
Judicial Clerkship	\$36,000	\$62,000

### Distribution

New York State	81 percent
Outside New York State	19 percent

actually represented a large number of the possibilities. One of them was the district attorney of Erie County. One was a U.S. magistrate. One was senior partner of a very excellent litigation boutique firm. One was a former partner in two extraordinarily large firms in New York City and is now a partner in a moderately sized firm in New York that is a growing semi-boutique organization. Two other people, Brad and myself, are in big firms. Other than private employers, we had a lot of the bases covered.

"One of the things we talked about was presenting to the entire DAC mechanisms whereby representatives of the DAC can use their own contacts

### Distribution by city within New York State

Buffalo	55 percent
New York City	16 percent
Rochester	9 percent
Syracuse	5 percent
Albany	1 percent
Binghamton	1 percent
Elsewhere	13 percent

### Practice areas

Private practice	53 percent
Business & Industry	15 percent
Government	10 percent
Degree seeking	9 percent
Public Interest	6 percent
Judicial Clerkship	3 percent
Military (JAG)	2 percent
Academic	2 percent

to expand the reach of the placement office. It's a question of penetrating the hard places to get into."

But the effort, Conklin said, may pave the way for future job-seekers: "If we can put more Buffalo graduates in the extraordinarily well-known larger and out-of-Buffalo places, then in the next 10 years, that will make those places more likely to accept Buffalo resumes. We have an intermediate and long-range plan to not only place people for the sake of placement, but also so the next generation of hiring partners will be sympathetic to Buffalo students."

Increasing placement opportunities is not limited to alumni and staff. A

new faculty advisory committee is in place to support efforts by the Career Services Office in three areas: large-firm and medium-size firm practice in new geographical areas; public interest; and judicial clerkships.

Professor and vice dean Susan Vivian Mangold chairs the five-person faculty committee. She notes that, increasingly, those hiring for corporate attorney positions and judicial clerkships are looking for applicants with legal experience. That means, she says, the necessity to identify students with interest in such work, counseling them about the realities of entering the field, and keeping track of them so that when they have some experience, the placement process can begin.

"There was never any faculty committee charged with making these collaborations happen," Mangold says. "It was just Lisa asking us individually if we knew students who would fit particular jobs. This is an effort to enhance the services that the CSO can provide by using faculty resources and alumni resources in new ways."

And though the preponderance of UB Law students call New York State home, Mangold is convinced that "there is this hidden group of students that will be convinced to go a lot of places. We thought we could build up some databases and resources and connections and lines of communication in markets that we haven't tapped before but we think have a lot of potential: Detroit, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, parts of New Jersey, parts of the Southeast."

*Alumni interested in participating in these efforts may reach Lisa Patterson by e-mail at [lpatter@buffalo.edu](mailto:lpatter@buffalo.edu).*



# Law School Report

## Between two worlds *Bridging the gap between future lawyers and future doctors*

**T**he little-explored nexus of law practice and medical care is the focus of a new joint venture between UB Law School and the University of Rochester Medical School.

Two UB Law faculty members, Catherine Cerulli '92 and Amy Campbell, are serving joint appointments in both the Law School and the medical school. The focus is one that is familiar from one of UB Law's most successful clinical programs: domestic violence.

"We are trying to bring evidence-based research – based on empirical findings, not anecdotal evidence – to improve services for domestic violence or interpersonal violence victims," says Cerulli, a clinical instructor at UB Law. As an assistant professor of psychiatry, she directs the Laboratory of Interpersonal Violence and Victimization at the University of Rochester Medical Center, the umbrella organization for the joint venture.

Cerulli worked as a prosecutor in Monroe County for four years, but says she became increasingly frustrated with the recidivism she saw. She has just completed a Ph.D. in criminal justice at the State University at Albany, which she said has equipped her with the research tools to try to get at the roots of epidemic domestic violence.

The Laboratory of Interpersonal Violence and Victimization has three focuses: education, research and community service.

In education, courses taught through the program offer course credit to both UB and U of R students. Courses are co-listed at both schools, with the result that law students and medical students sit side-by-side in the classroom – a quite uncommon situation. "This is to try to form relationships with the opposite profession in the formative years of their education," Cerulli says, "to be able to hear each other's perspective. The response from the students has been wonderful." She says the program offers additional class options for the many UB Law students who are based in Rochester.

In addition, Campbell, who graduated from Yale Law School and holds a master's degree in bioethics, has been commuting to Buffalo one day a week to teach a Law School seminar in bioethics.

"We are growing it by these linkages at first, then hoping to establish a more formal relationship," Campbell says. "Right now it is just law and perhaps social work students. The idea is to have



Catherine Cerulli '92

more law, medical students, public health, a bunch of different disciplines together.

"For me, what drives it is therapeutic jurisprudence. I am very interested in kids, especially kids with mental health issues. A lot of those are our more vulnerable populations.

"The question is, how can we make our legal actors more therapeutic or at least less anti-therapeutic? We want to bring sociology and psychology insights to bear on the law. How can we get them to start to approach these matters differently?

"I am thrilled to be given the opportunity to do this work. I like its interdisciplinary character. For certain communities, this is the way we have to do things. We all have to figure out how to work together more effectively."

In research, the program seeks to "use science to create law," Cerulli says, through legislative analysis. For example, the researchers recently studied 220 homicide cases in Ohio to assess how the law was brought to bear on each case. What did the police do when they arrived on the scene? Did the district attorney win an indictment? What did the jury do? How did the judge approach sentencing? The intent was to apply statistical rigor to the question of how the laws are executed.

**I**n community service, the program serves as a resource for diverse clients seeking information on issues related to domestic violence.

A legislator's office may call for background to support a bill the lawmaker wants to propose; attorneys come seeking technical support on domestic violence cases in which they are involved. The program also advocates for advances in therapeutic justice, trying to make the courts and the bar more aware of the social services needs behind the cases they try.

Suzanne Tomkins '92, the UB Law clinical associate professor who runs the school's Family Violence Clinic, says another community service initiative arising out of the program is an attempt to coordinate the delivery of training for those who deal with targets of domestic violence. With federal money allocated through the state STOP program, she says, advocates are providing technical assistance and support to domestic violence initiatives throughout the 10 counties of Western New York.

The effort seeks to coordinate training efforts, such as new-employee training at shelters, with other advocacy groups, such as the umbrella New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence.



# Good news in your e-mail

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**B**etter communications. Increased visibility. Enhanced reputation. The Law School's UB Law Links e-mail newsletter accomplishes all that and more.

Launched in January 2003, UB Law Links now is sent quarterly to an estimated 2,500 alumni (out of 8,800 total living UB Law graduates) who have supplied their e-mail addresses to the school. It includes feature stories about the Law School, stories by or about faculty members, and stories of notable alumni, as well as the online version of Class Action, with career notes on alums, marriages, births and deaths.

"We realized that we needed to communicate more often and in different ways with our alumni, who are now living and practicing throughout the country and around the world," says Ilene R. Fleischmann, associate dean for alumni, public relations and communications, and executive director of the UB Law Alumni Association.

"Some people prefer to read hard copy and are happy to peruse the UB Law Forum. But others would rather scan an e-mail newsletter."

Accessible on the Web through the Law School's main site, [www.law.buffalo.edu](http://www.law.buffalo.edu) (click on Alumni & Giving), UB Law Links is true to its name – it provides brief summaries of feature articles, then hyperlinks to the full story. Also included: photography and an archive feature that allows access to previous issues of the newsletter.

Other features include listings of upcoming events and Law Library acquisitions, and a section called Hot Links that allows users to update their address, donate to the Law School, contact staff members, find out about reunions, hire a law student, make an admissions referral or read the site's privacy policy.

The bulk of alums' e-mail addresses were gathered when the school pub-



Ilene R. Fleischmann and Lisa Mueller '93

lished a printed alumni directory in 2001, Fleischmann says. "We have been asking people to send their e-mail addresses. Now they really have a reason to," she says, emphasizing that "our e-mail addresses are confidential and used strictly for Law School purposes."

In addition to alumni, UB Law Links is e-mailed to current students, a number of journalists, and law school faculty around the country. "It raises the visibility and enhances the reputation of the Law School," Fleischmann says.

While Fleischmann is the editor, Lisa Mueller '93, associate director of alumni and communications, collaborates closely with her to produce the newsletter. Cindy Watts, a member of the Alumni Relations staff, compiles the extensive listing of class notes.

"I think it is a great outreach to our alumni," Fleischmann says. "We have a lot of good news to share. So many

wonderful things are happening at UB Law School, it is hard to keep up with all of them. This is a quick and easy way for law alumni to stay in touch with us and with each other."

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# Law School Report



Artist Arnold Mesches chats with Dean Nils Olsen.

## Watching and learning

*Interdisciplinary panel addresses government surveillance and the arts*

The relationship of law, government and the arts – interactions that have been contentious in the post-9/11 era – was the focus of an interdisciplinary workshop on Sept. 10, 2004 titled “Government Policy, Cultural Production, Personal Privacy.” The eclectic gathering was co-sponsored by the UB Law School and the University Art Galleries, with the Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy acting as host.

Addressing such legislation as the 2001 USA Patriot Act and the 1966 Freedom of Information Act, as well as topics such as the artists’ role as dissenters during the 1950s McCarthy era, the workshop featured two panels of lawyers, artists and arts advocates. In conjunction with the workshop, the UB Art Gallery mounted two exhibitions: “Arnold Mesches: The FBI Files” and “Shutters,” an international group exhibition addressing how government

monitoring affects domestic spaces.

Mesches, a well-known painter, was among the panelists. Suspected of Communist activity in the 1950s and subjected to intensive surveillance for nearly 30 years, he obtained a copy of his 700-page FBI file through the Freedom of Information Act; pieces of that file are incorporated into his mixed-media works on exhibit at the UB Art Gallery.

The afternoon’s first panel discussion featured Nancy Buchanan, an artist and professor at the School of Film and Video at CalArts; David Craven, an art history professor at the University of New Mexico; artist Mesches, also a professor at the University of Florida; and Nils Olsen, UB Law School dean.

Olsen set the stage for the discussion with an account of the protracted legislative history of the 1966 Freedom of Information Act, which pried open the workings of a federal government

that had jealously guarded what we now think of as public information.

Olsen noted a seeming paradox: The same government that compiled hundreds of pages of “intrusive and almost absurd surveillance” on Mesches also managed to pass the Freedom of Information Act, which helped the artist publicize the intrusion and make creative use of the material.

The act was decades in the making, Olsen said, beginning in the 1940s with pressure from the American Society of Newspaper Editors. An Associated Press executive director, Kent Cooper, coined the phrase “the right to know” in 1945, and a 1953 report by the newspaper editors group concluded that government information was systematically being withheld from the press.

It was not until 1955, however, when Congress expressed concern over the scarcity of the information it was receiving from the Executive



Branch, that momentum for the act began to build. A subcommittee staffed by former journalists began to develop a record of the press' frustrated attempts to get information, and hearings revealed patterns of stonewalling by government agencies.

"It took three tries for a freedom-of-information bill to make it through Congress and be signed into law," Olsen said. "This is a very long and tortuous process toward legislation that continued well into the '60s."

The act finally was passed in 1966, and immediately President Lyndon B. Johnson insisted that presidents should continue to have the right to withhold information in the interest of national security – an insistence that has continued to this day.

Olsen noted that one impediment to the act's full effect is a backlog of information requests. There has been a dramatic increase in such requests, up to 24,000 in the year 2000. "It can take two to three years of constant nagging and letter writing to obtain records even when the agency is not ultimately refusing to produce them," Olsen said.

He also noted that the Privacy Act of 1974, which regulates the use of personal information by federal agencies, also provides an obligation of disclosure. "If you are looking for information," he said, "it is always a good idea to make requests under both laws."

The second panel, moderated by UB Law School Professor George Kannar, included Lee Albert, also a UB Law professor; Niels Bonde, an artist and professor at Malmö Art Academy in Copenhagen, Denmark; Marjorie Heins of New York University Law School and founding director of the Free Expression Policy Project there; Svetlana Mintcheva, director of arts advocacy for the National Coalition Against Censorship; and Miguel Ruiz, an assistant professor at UB's School of Informatics.

**A**lbert spoke to some of the provisions of the September 2001 legislation called the "Act Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism" – the USA Patriot Act.

In contrast to the slow-to-emerge Freedom of Information Act providing public access to government information, he said, the "much more massive, much more comprehensive" Patriot Act

providing government access to private information took just a few weeks to pass in the wake of the 9/11 attacks.

He noted that the act lowers the "threshold of probable cause" by allowing warrants directed at third parties with information on other individuals. "When information is shared with a private person, almost all protection is lost," he said. "There is virtually no privacy issue when information is in the hands of third parties. Think of all the



Professor George Kannar served as moderator.

information about you that exists in the hands of third persons: Internet service providers, banks, credit cards, doctors, hospitals, bookstores, libraries and an uncountable number of other institutions."

Albert also pointed out that the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, despite its name, allows searches of U.S. citizens, and said that to conduct such a search, the government must show that the object of the search is an agent of a foreign government. Establishing probable cause is not required, and even an action like travel to a foreign country may be considered evidence of culpability.

The Patriot Act, he said, expands the range of objects that can be searched for under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, and forbids institutions that are asked about an individual – libraries or schools, for example – from telling anyone about the request, especially the subject of the search.

"It is very difficult to assess the efficacy of the Patriot Act in the war on terrorism," Albert said. "We just do not know what the government learns from it. The act itself contains a gag order to prevent people from talking about what they learn."

Albert concluded with remarks on two high-profile cases in Western New York. The first is the arrest of UB art professor Steven Kurtz, charged after a federal terrorism task force found in his home low-grade bacteria that he uses in artwork on the political dimensions of biotechnology. Kurtz and an academic friend in Pittsburgh, Albert said, were charged under a federal statute barring fraudulent use of the mails and the telephone, for arranging the transfer of the bacteria.

**T**he other local case was that of the "Lackawanna Six," charged with aiding al-Qaida. An intensive yearlong surveillance of the men, including hundreds of search warrants, turned up nothing. The break in the case came when the CIA intercepted a letter to one defendant from a co-defendant who was in the Middle East, saying he was to be "wed" the next day. The CIA mistakenly understood that to be a coded reference to a planned attack on a U.S. facility; the government picked up the letter-writer and interrogated him until he admitted having attended an al-Qaida training camp in Afghanistan. The FBI then questioned the other five defendants in Lackawanna, which finally provided probable cause to arrest them.

One of the perceived problems the USA Patriot Act sought to eliminate was the so-called "wall of separation" between law enforcement agencies – the FBI's failure to share information with the CIA. The irony, Albert said, was that it was this very "wall" that led to the breakthrough in the Lackawanna Six case. Unlike the CIA, the FBI knew that wed meant getting married and nothing more.



# Student Events



## FOUR THE RECORD

*Buffalo Law Review Dinner  
celebrates four issues and  
honors Judge Howe*

A banner year for the *Buffalo Law Review* culminated in a dinner with a decidedly triumphant tone on March 26 in the Hyatt Regency Buffalo.

It was the 15th annual such event for the *Law Review*, which for the first time in its 51 years published four issues in the 2003-04 academic year. The highlight came in honoring Hon. Barbara Howe '80 for her distinguished service to UB Law School and Western New York. Howe, a former president of the UB Law Alumni Association, was cited for "her dedication to the legal community, the Buffalo community and the Law School, and her consistently high standards of excellence that are a source of inspiration to us."

Said Dean Nils Olsen: "I have known Barbara Howe since she was a first-year student in the Law School while concurrently serving on the faculty of the sociology department. She



was an extraordinary student and has provided significant and distinguished public service in every position she has held since graduation."

David B. Teigman, outgoing editor in chief of the *Law Review*, spoke with pride of his staff's accomplishments during the publication year. "These four issues have been filled with some of the strongest manuscripts to date," Teigman said. "These manuscripts intertwined current events with new issues in the law and questioned out-

the review's staff, he said, checked the accuracy of 7,749 citations.

Britta Lukomski, the *Law Review's* outgoing managing editor, had the task of introducing the night's honoree, noting that Howe, who is Erie County surrogate judge, also served on the bench in Buffalo City Court and the New York State Supreme Court. Howe also was on the faculty in UB's department of sociology from 1974 to 1987, and has maintained appointments at UB as adjunct clinical professor of law and adjunct associate professor of sociology.

"For the students of UB Law School," Lukomski said, "Judge Howe has been a consistently present figure during our legal education. For many of us, she was our first glimpse of the outside legal world when she spoke during Law School orientation.

"UB Law is a law school that emphasizes law in

context and law in society. Few people exemplify this mission to the extent of Judge Howe. Judge Howe is a true academic, as qualified to be a professor as she is a judge. She is known for her fair decisions, which are informed by her extensive sociology background. A role model for women lawyers, she broke through the gender barriers of the profession with dignity and success."

The dinner concluded with presentation of student awards: the Carlos Alden Award, the Philip Halpern Award and a number of Associate Publication Awards.

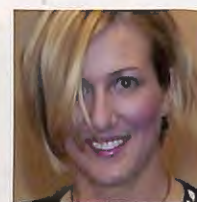


Left to right: Professor William R. Greiner, Hon. Barbara Howe, John Alexanderson and Carol Greiner.

comes of recent cases."

He cited as examples an article about the San Francisco Superior Court's ruling on possession of the baseball that became Barry Bonds' 73rd home run, and another questioning "one of the fundamental questions of law": Should law be made with the purpose of making the most people happy at the same time? (The author's contention: That is fruitless, because research shows most people do not even know when they are happy.)

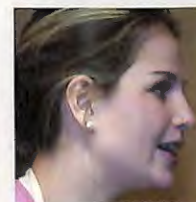
Teigman also cited accomplishments including updates to the *Law Review's* Web site and computer system, and publishing the first of what is planned as an annual series of essay issues, featuring shorter pieces by legal academicians who are arguing from a position of uncertainty and questions rather than certitude. And plenty of work was done: Associate members of



Left to right, Nicole R. Hart '05 and Jessica S. Wiltse '04.



Left, Jocelyn E. Torres '04 and below, Elizabeth L. Perry '04.





## Student Events

# Outlaw speakers make legal debate over same-sex marriage concrete

By Nicole Peradotto



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— Shari Jo Reich '86

**O**n March 5, a young Buffalo couple drove downtown, made their way to Room 1301 of City Hall and, like so many lovebirds before them, applied for a marriage license. Their otherwise mundane request would have been granted, too, were it not for the fact that both applicants were men.

Instead, it escalated into a bona fide media event. A photo of the two having an exchange with the deputy city clerk — whose first question was, "Where's the fiancée?" — appeared in *The Buffalo News* and was picked up by other papers, including *The Miami Herald*. They were interviewed for radio and TV. Two weeks after their trip to City Hall they were the subjects of a cover story in a regional weekly. Next to their picture the headline read: "Let Them Get Married."

The first gay couple to publicly push for a marriage license in Buffalo, David Cantaffa and Anthony Laulette discussed their efforts, as well as their newfound status as advocates for same-sex marriage, at the 2004 Outlaw Dinner, held March 31 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

"The primary reason we did this, and the reason we are pushing for access to marriage, is that we love each other very much and are committed to a life together," said Cantaffa, a graduate student at the University at Buffalo working toward his Ph.D. in the sociology of education. "Like a heterosexual couple in the same circumstance, we feel we should be afforded the rights and responsibilities associated with marriage."

Laulette emphasized that applying for the license was never intended as a publicity stunt. In fact, the two men didn't call to alert the media until they were in the lobby of City Hall. It was only then that they decided that calling attention to their appeal would help generate a much-needed conversation about same-sex marriage in the region.

"To be quite honest, we were somewhat surprised by the immediate responsiveness as well as the continuing coverage our actions have received," Laulette said. "The media have proven to be an invaluable means of establishing a public record and drawing local attention to the issue."

In the summer of 2003, Laulette and Cantaffa celebrated their five-year relationship with a civil union ceremony in Vermont. Recognizing that such a union doesn't carry any legal weight in New York, they chose to request the marriage license as a test of Buffalo's anti-discrimination law. Passed in 1999, the law was amended in 2002 to include protections for transsexuals and others who desire the freedom of gender expression. One provision that caught the couple's attention provides for equality of treatment for people of all sexual orientation with regard to "applying for, participating in or enjoying any benefit and privilege administered by New York State."

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That debate, which has been taking place across the country since the Supreme Court banished anti-sodomy





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*— David Cantaffa, left, with Anthony Laulette at the Outlaw Dinner*

laws from the books last summer, took center stage at Outlaw's eighth annual dinner, sponsored by the Outlaw Committee of the Progressive Law Society (PLS) and the UB Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Alliance (LGBTQA). In addition to Laulette and Cantaffa, speakers included local attorney Shari Jo Reich '86, who offered her legal expertise and perspective on matters of same-sex adoption and marriage.

"People ask me why New York doesn't allow gay marriage," said Reich, who has extensive experience handling legal issues dealing with sexual orientation and family law. "The New York statute doesn't necessarily say man or woman. It doesn't say anything about love, either. There isn't anything in the statute that talks about love, commitment or relationship.

"What it does say is that there is one required procedure to get married: You must declare yourself to be husband

and wife. And the courts are required to interpret statutes according to their plain meaning – bride means woman; groom means man."

However, Reich added, New York State Attorney General Eliot Spitzer "is correct in stating that under the full faith and credit laws of the constitution New York has to recognize valid marriages performed elsewhere – i.e. Massachusetts and Ontario."

Reich noted that, in a matter of visitation rights, she represents a lesbian couple who wed in Ontario. "I refer to my client's partner as her wife because that's how they refer to each other. It's a little uncomfortable at first, even for me," admitted Reich, who is gay. "And it's certainly uncomfortable for the court."

Another speaker at the dinner discussed her successful effort to organize a local chapter of Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere (COLAGE).

Cathy Mack told attendees that she was motivated to start the group two years ago, after having a heart-to-heart discussion with her daughter about her sexual orientation.

"Prior to that, she knew of my relationship with my partner, but when I put a title to it – that we were lesbians – all this fear conjured up in her," Mack remembered. "What are her friends going to think? Is she going to be ostracized at school?"

Even though Mack had hosted several picnics at which lesbian parents and their children were guests, she said her daughter never realized that these kids had gay parents, too.

Mack remembered hearing of a San Francisco-based organization aimed at supporting and empowering youngsters with gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender parents. When she searched for a local chapter, she didn't find one closer than Utica, N.Y. So in September of 2002, she and several others began organizing a chapter on behalf of their kids.

Today, the local COLAGE chapter includes three facilitated groups geared toward children of different ages. "We now have established ourselves in the community and are looking forward to continuing to grow," Mack said. In the future, "COLAGE could be much more than a social group, as it is now," she added. "It could address any of the children's issues and needs that are put forward."



# Student Events

## BID HIGH, BID OFTEN

*Buffalo Public Interest Law Program's ninth annual fund-raising auction raises record take*

A football autographed by the Buffalo Bills' Josh Reed. A high-end wine tasting with Professor Lucinda Finley. A Jacuzzi suite at the Hampton Inn. All those and more – much, much more – awaited bidders at the Buffalo Public Interest Law Program's ninth annual fund-raising auction at the Rich Renaissance Atrium on Feb. 27. From the sublime to the, well, kind of silly, the merchandise helped raise nearly \$22,000, a record take for the group.

The money, along with additional contributions from the dean, goes to provide fellowships for UB Law School students looking to work in the public sector over the summer – jobs that generally are unpaid. The organization provided nine such fellowships last summer and has set a goal of 15 for this summer.

The fellowships typically range from \$3,000 to \$3,500, said Andrew Montroy, a second-year law student who is co-director of BPILP with fellow student Paul Didio. He is a past recipient of the public-interest fellowships, having worked last summer at a Manhattan office of the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

More than 200 students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members attended the event, for which Ron Plants, weekend anchor for WGRZ-TV Channel 2, served as auctioneer for the live auction (there was also a silent auction). The auction is BPILP's largest fund-raiser; also coming up is a Faculty Jam, live music featuring UB Law faculty performers, sometime in April.

"All of us were just fully committed to making this thing go this year," Montroy said. "This year we had probably about a solid 25 students who wanted to participate; last year there were maybe 10. Everybody was just really gung-ho about talking it up, trying to get people outside the Law School to come."

The event's success, Montroy said, also came from its glamorous new venue; a vigorous advertising and marketing campaign that included a 4,500-piece mailing to alumni; and a broader array of goods and services at auction than in previous years.

He said also that more students are attracted to BPILP because the board that awards the fellowships is broadening the understanding of what constitutes public-interest law. It's not just working for Greenpeace – his own work in government, he said, is an example of that broader definition of public service.

The student group had substantial help from UB Law School's Career Services Office, including Associate Dean Lisa Patterson, the group's official adviser; Dawn Skopinski; and graduate assistant Bethany Gilbert, a third-year UB Law student.



## 2004 Summer Public Interest Fellows

**Joseph Antonecchia Fellow**  
Leslie Travis '05

### Buffalo Public Interest Law Program Fellows

Lisa A. Bailey '06  
Meredith A. Conner '06  
Allison T. Corey '06  
Ryan P. Crawford '06  
Danielle E. Dimitrov '06  
Jessica M. Keltz '06  
Brooke A. Kirkland '06  
Mary E. Little '05  
Andrea M. Love '06  
Meredith A. Vacca '05

**Buffalo Public Interest Law Program Grant Recipient**  
Julie K. Cserhalmi '06

### Dean's Buffalo Public Interest Law Program Fellows

Yookyung Choi '06  
Enam Hoque '06  
Andrea M. Pratt '05

### Kaplan & Reynolds Fellows

Teresa N. Chen '06  
Susan M. Cimini '05  
Amanda C. Conner '06  
Amy L. Kedron '06  
Leah R. Mervine '06  
Kyle P. Rossi '06





Students of Color traditional candle-lighting ceremony.

# 'THE REWARDS ARE PRICELESS'

*Latin American students urged by Carlos Rodriguez '76 to help people through the legal process*

By Nicole Peradotto

Following tradition, the members of one of the minority law student associations selected the evening's keynote speaker for the 2004 Students of Color Recognition Dinner, held April 2 at the Buffalo Marriott Hotel. This year the Latin American Law Students Association chose New York State Assistant Attorney General Carlos Rodriguez '76.

While encouraging the students to keep sight of their goals, Rodriguez admitted that, when he was in their place, he nearly abandoned his. After his first year of UB Law, he told them, he was despondent because he had come so close to flunking out. Then he landed a summer work-study job at the district attorney's office at home in the Bronx.

"It was the best thing that ever happened to me," he said. "It refreshed my memory as to why I went to law school in the first place – because I wanted to help people through the legal process. I came back to Buffalo with a passion to be a lawyer."

Rededicating himself to his studies, Rodriguez took summer school and, during his final semester, loaded up on extra credit hours. After graduation he started working for the Legal Aid Society

of Rochester, one of only two Latino attorneys practicing in the city.

"After I was admitted to the bar, during one of my first cases, I was in criminal court representing someone, and I was in the attorneys' line. The judge thought I was the defendant. I had to politely tell the judge, 'No, your honor, I'm defense counsel.' And I said that proudly."

For the past 23 years Rodriguez has been a state and federal court trial litigator with the attorney general's office. For the past eight years he has worked in the public advocacy and consumer frauds bureau, protecting consumers by seeking injunctive relief against individuals who engage in deceptive and illegal conduct of business.

He encouraged members of the audience to consider government service. "The money's not great, but the rewards are priceless," he said, referring to several cases close to his heart. While working in the public defender's office, for example,

Rodriguez represented two Latino children who had been taken away from their mother and placed with non-Latino foster parents who didn't speak Spanish.

"During the trial, the social worker testified, 'These kids aren't Latino anymore. They're not Puerto Rican anymore,'" Rodriguez remembered. "I was beside myself. Needless to say, not only did the judge return the kids to the mother, who had reformed herself, but the judge ordered the county to start looking for Latino and minority foster and adoptive homes."

In addition to Rodriguez, other honorees at the dinner included the four UB Law alumni who were named by *Black Enterprise* magazine as among the top black lawyers in America: Michael Banks '89, Michael Battle '81, Vincent Dunn '89 and Brent Wilson '76 (see article on Page 4); Lenora Foote '97, assistant corporation counsel for Buffalo, who received the Trailblazer Award; and Professor Janet Lindgren, recipient of the Jacob D. Hyman Award.

For her part, Lindgren urged all the students in attendance to "take it, make it and carry it."

"In terms of taking it, I mean figuring out what is there to grab, to do," said Lindgren, "what is going to work for you."

"Then make it your own by mixing it with who you are," she added. "We are sometimes told in law school to forget everything you knew before. Hopefully you didn't. You remember what you learned and everything you know from being a parent, a child, a family member, someone who has worked – someone who has lived."

"And then carry it: Carry what you have learned from one class to another class, from one setting to another setting."

What about bringing it back?

By serving as the voice of experience to the next generation of lawyers, all the awardees did just that. However, when Brent Wilson stood at the podium to accept

the distinguished alumni award, he decided to literally give something back.

At the end of his speech, he held aloft a weathered hardcover volume. "In closing, I want to let the dean know that there is an 'Am Jur Second 16' that has been missing for 36 years," Wilson said with a laugh. "Here it is."



New York State Assistant Attorney General Carlos Rodriguez '76.



# Faculty





# Dr. John B. Simpson's vision for UB: academic excellence

**J**ohn Barclay Simpson was inaugurated as the 14th president of the University at Buffalo on Oct. 15, 2004. Appointed as UB's president on Jan. 1, 2004, he brings more than 30 years of experience in higher education. An accomplished research scientist specializing in neuroendocrinology, physiology and behavior, he is appointed to the faculty of UB's department of physiology and biophysics.

Dr. Simpson's vision for UB as a great public research university focuses on academic excellence as manifested through research and scholarly distinction, outstanding teaching, effective and engaging public service, and institutional leadership on issues relevant to higher education within UB's local communities, our state and nation, and around the world. As both a product and a lifelong proponent of public higher education, President Simpson believes strongly in its diverse and profound impact upon human endeavor, and is deeply committed to the vital societal role of leading public universities, such as UB, in providing widespread access to the benefits and opportunities of higher education.

Chief among Dr. Simpson's priorities upon assuming the UB presidency has been the institution of a clear and strong plan for the university's advancement as a great public research university for the 21st century. Since taking office, he has led the academic community in implementing an ongoing, comprehensive and university-wide process of self-assessment and strategic thinking for the future, with the goal of formulating an academic plan for the university that is supported by a strong foundation in academic support services and an underlying long-term master strategy for the campus.

Prior to his appointment as UB president, Dr. Simpson held the post of campus provost and executive vice chancellor of the University of California, Santa Cruz, where he served from 1998 to 2003. As that institution's chief academic and budgetary officer, Dr. Simpson led the UC Santa Cruz community through a period of substantial growth and development, employing a campus-wide, long-term planning process that has served as a referential basis for the strategic planning initiative he is currently implementing at UB. Under his leadership, the campus population grew from fewer than 11,000 students to nearly 15,000 students. Dr. Simpson guided the campus through significant curricular developments as well, overseeing the creation of new graduate programs in digital arts and new media, bioinformatics, electrical engineering and politics, as well as other innovative interdisciplinary degree programs.

President Simpson's previous appointment was for 23 years

on the faculty of the University of Washington in Seattle. He was appointed as assistant professor in 1975, associate professor in 1978, and professor of psychology in 1982. He served as director of the university's joint physiology-psychology program from 1984 to 1988 and as head of the physiological psychology area from 1986 to 1990 before his appointment as associate dean for computing, facilities and research in the UW College of Arts and Sciences in 1991. He served in this capacity until 1994, when he was appointed dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at UW, whose student population then numbered 18,000 undergraduate and 3,500 graduate students. He served in this position until accepting the post of executive vice chancellor at UC Santa Cruz in 1998.

Dr. Simpson spearheaded numerous innovations in the college's interdisciplinary programs, such as the advanced development of a center for humanities research.

A native of California, President Simpson received his bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of California, Santa Barbara. After receiving his master's and doctoral degrees in neurobiology and behavior from Northwestern University in 1972 and 1973, respectively, he spent two years at the University of Pennsylvania as a research associate of the Institute of Neurological Sciences in the Department of Biology. He has been a visiting professor of physiology at the UC San Francisco School of Medicine, and at the Howard Florey Institute of Experimental Physiology and Medicine at the University of Melbourne, Australia.

Dr. Simpson's research is in neuroendocrinology, the study of brain and hormone interaction. He received research support for his laboratory from the National Institutes of Health, and has published widely on the subjects of brain controls of body fluid and cardiovascular regulation, the renin-angiotensin system, and the brain's circumventricular organs. Dr. Simpson is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Society for Neuroscience, and the Society for the Study of Ingestive Behavior.

An avid cyclist and fly-fisherman, Dr. Simpson is also an active supporter of the arts. A member of the board of directors of the Buffalo Fine Arts Academy – the governing body of the Albright-Knox Art Gallery – and a trustee of the Pilchuck Glass School, he is also a former board member of Seattle's Intiman Theater Company and the Henry Art Gallery.

A member of the board of directors of the SUNY Research Foundation, President Simpson serves on the board's finance and audit committees.

In addition to serving as a member of the UB Associates board and as an ex officio member of the UB Foundation board of trustees, Dr. Simpson also sits on the Buffalo Niagara Partnership board of directors and is a member of the Buffalo Niagara Enterprise. Among his many other leadership roles, he is also a member of the Council on Competitiveness and a former commissioner of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

The father of two adult children, Dr. Simpson also has two grandchildren. His daughter, Melissa, and son, Matthew, both reside in the Seattle area.

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## Satish Tripathi named Provost and executive vice president for academic affairs

**S**atish K. Tripathi, Ph.D., dean of the Bourns College of Engineering at the University of California, Riverside, has been named provost and executive vice president for academic affairs of the University at Buffalo by UB President John B. Simpson. Tripathi, who took office as UB's chief academic officer on July 1, had been dean of the engineering college and the William R. Johnson Jr. Family Distinguished Professor of Engineering at UC Riverside since 1997. He also served as acting executive vice chancellor from March 2002 through June 2002.

Prior to joining UC Riverside, he was a professor in the Department of Computer Science at the University of Maryland, where his 19 years as a faculty member in the department included being chair from 1988 to 1995.

Tripathi is an internationally accomplished computer scientist who has been involved in substantial funded research. He has published more than 200 scholarly papers, supervised 25 doctoral students and served on program committees of numerous international conferences.

"I am very honored and pleased to name Satish Tripathi as UB's new provost," said Simpson. "Satish is a man of the highest integrity and personal

scholarly distinction. He is very intelligent, analytical and has built a first-rate faculty at Bourns College of Engineering at the University of California, Riverside, in a short period of time."

Following a strategic plan, he expanded the college from a single department and one research center to four departments and five interdisciplinary research centers. In doing so, he demonstrated commitment to both undergraduate and graduate programs and students.

"Satish also is keenly interested in, and knowledgeable about, the relationship between a university community and industrial partners, including intellectual property and technology transfer," Simpson added. "I am delighted that the search process for a new provost, launched just three months ago, produced three outstanding finalists who visited campus last month and has led to the selection of Satish Tripathi as UB provost."

The search committee was named by Simpson to identify a successor to Elizabeth D. Capaldi, Ph.D., who resigned earlier this year to become SUNY vice chancellor and chief of staff. They interviewed 12 candidates from a field of more than 40 who were nominated for the post. Based on its interviews and candidates' records of achievement and references, the com-

mittee invited Tripathi and two other finalists to participate in March in two-day visits to UB during which they had an opportunity to meet with students, faculty, deans, university officers and members of the administrative staff.

The committee was chaired by A. Scott Weber, professor in the department of civil, structural and environmental engineering in the UB School of Engineering and Applied Sciences and director of UB's Center for Integrated Waste Management.

"As an accomplished scholar and proven administrator, Professor Tripathi will help chart a path to sustained and enhanced excellence for all of UB," Weber said. "He is a person of great energy, warmth and collegiality, whose style will mesh wonderfully with President Simpson's. It is exciting for all of UB to have a dynamic leadership team in place. I am delighted that Professor Tripathi has accepted the UB provost position."

Diane R. Christian, a member of the search committee who is a SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor in the Department of English in the UB College of Arts and Sciences, noted that with the selection of Tripathi, "UB gets a distinguished scholar, a supple intelligence and a delightful person. He has vision, strength and humor. He taught a Google inventor. He's a prize, and we're very happy to welcome him."

Tripathi said he is "delighted to be selected as UB's next provost. This is an opportunity to join a very good institution that is a member of the Association of American Universities (AAU), and to join with President Simpson in taking it to greater heights.

"The University at Buffalo," Tripathi added, "has tremendous potential. I am most impressed with its comprehensiveness and the educational opportunities provided to students through its more than 300 undergraduate, graduate and professional degree programs. With its full complement of professional schools and vast array of research centers, it also has the parts in place to be a leading university. UB also is a very important part of the community, with strong relationships with the business and corporate community upon which to build to the benefit of the university and the region."





UC Riverside's Bourns College of Engineering is one of the fastest-growing schools of engineering in the United States. Under Tripathi's leadership, it has grown from a single department and one research center to four departments and five interdisciplinary research centers. The number of students has grown from 550 to approximately 2,000 and approximately 50 new faculty members have been recruited. The

number of graduate students has grown from 37 to 289 in master's and doctoral programs.

Tripathi said that in expanding the college and its programs, his vision has been for it to become "a top-25 engineering school" and a nationally recognized leader in engineering research and education. Toward that goal, he developed a five-year strategic plan and has recruited professors from top-

ranked engineering departments.

Under his leadership, the college also has enhanced the experience of undergraduate students, implemented a strategic communications plan, and created a development and alumni affairs office. During the past two years, the college has led the university's development efforts, raising approximately \$6.5 million per year. Tripathi also has established a College Council of Advisors, consisting of senior executives from local and national corporations, as well as an Industrial Affiliates Program, the membership fees of which provide discretionary funds for scholarships, equipment and events.

Tripathi has worked closely with civic leaders in Riverside to attract and retain high-tech companies. He serves on the board of directors of SmartRiverside, a nonprofit organization working to educate citizens on technology issues that recently launched a free, wireless Internet service in downtown Riverside.

He has been the guest editor or guest co-editor of several scientific journals and is a founding member of the editorial board of *IEEE Pervasive Computing*. A member of the editorial board of *International Journal of High-Speed Networks*, he previously was on the editorial boards of *Theoretical Computer Science*, *IEEE Transactions on Computers*, *ACM Multimedia Systems* and *ACM/IEEE Transactions on Networking*.

Tripathi is a fellow of the IEEE Computer and Communications Societies and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

He was a visiting professor at the University of Paris-Sud in France and the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg in Germany while at the University of Maryland.

A native of India, Tripathi graduated top of his class from Banaras Hindu University in India in 1968. In addition to a doctorate in computer science that he earned from the University of Toronto in 1979, he holds three master's degrees — one in computer science from the University of Toronto (1976) and two in statistics from the University of Alberta (1974) and Banaras Hindu University (1970).



## Mensch, Engel named SUNY distinguished professors

*The rank of  
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**T**wo faculty members at the University at Buffalo Law School have joined the ranks of distinguished professors appointed by the State University of New York board of trustees. ELIZABETH MENSCH has been named a SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor in recognition of her outstanding teaching on the undergraduate and professional levels. DAVID M. ENGEL has been named a SUNY Distinguished Service Professor in recognition of extraordinary service to the community, region, state, nation or world.

The rank of distinguished professor, the highest faculty rank in the SUNY system, is an order above full professorship and has three co-equal designations: distinguished professor, distinguished service professor and distinguished teaching professor.

**Elizabeth Mensch** joined the UB law faculty in 1980 after a stint on the faculty of the University of Miami Law School. She teaches courses in legal history; church/state relations; abortion; law, morality and politics; and contracts and torts – the latter courses are required of all first-year law students. She also teaches a section of the undergraduate course American Pluralism.

Mensch co-authored, with her late husband, Alan Freeman, also a UB professor of law, the book *The Politics of*

*Virtue: Is Abortion Debatable?*, which advocates introducing theological thought into the public debate on abortion to bring about a compromise between the two sides of the volatile issue. They also co-authored a text on property law. She has authored and co-authored numerous book chapters, articles in legal journals, essays, reviews and commentaries.

She also serves as chair of the board of editors of the *Journal of Law and Religion*.

Mensch received a bachelor's degree from the New School for Social Research, a master of arts in teaching from Cornell University, a law degree from UB and a master's degree in law from Harvard University. She resides in Buffalo.





Elizabeth B. Mensch '79



David M. Engel

Director of international programs in the UB Law School, **David Engel** is the faculty adviser to the Asian Law Students Association and is a member of UB's Council on International Studies and Programs and its Asian Studies Advisory Council, which he chaired from 1999 to 2001.

His research focuses on law and society in the United States and in other countries, particularly Thailand, where he has lived, worked and taught for more than 35 years. He has studied litigation, conflict and legal consciousness in communities in the American Midwest and in Thailand, where he currently is working on an interview-based study of injuries and social change in the country.

Engel also has conducted research

on the impact of special education law on the families of children with disabilities and their interactions with school district administrators. He has co-authored with Frank Munger, a former UB professor of law, an award-winning book, *Rights of Inclusion: Law and Identity in the Life Stories of Americans with Disabilities*, that examines the effects of legal rights created by the Americans with Disabilities Act on the lives and careers of those with disabilities.

Engel, who joined the UB law faculty in 1985, was director of the Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy from 1991 to 2001, and also served as vice dean for interdisciplinary studies.

He is an active member of the Law & Society Association, an international

membership organization of which he served as president in 1997-98. He also has served as a member of the advisory panel of the National Science Foundation Program for Law and Social Sciences.

He earned a bachelor's degree from Harvard College and master's and law degrees from the University of Michigan. Engel lives in Amherst.



# Faculty

*New vice dean for academic affairs is a children's advocate, scholar and teacher*

## Professor Susan Vivian Mangold

Professor Susan Vivian Mangold, UB Law School's new vice dean for academic affairs, says of her administrative responsibilities: "This is an exciting time. Vice Dean Peter Pitegoff worked with Vice Dean Dianne Avery to establish a template for the job. Because the curriculum is dynamic, it is always a challenge. But the registrar, Karen Cowart, and the dean for student affairs, Melinda Saran, do such a fantastic job, I am looking forward to working with them and Dean Olsen on our academic program."

Mangold has managed to think creatively and work effectively with a team in the past. As a children's advocate, scholar and teacher, she continues to pack plenty into her daily 24 hours. As vice dean, she will carry a reduced teaching load, though she still will teach the first-year Civil Procedure class and a course on Child Welfare Law, and will team-teach the Family Law Colloquium course.

The administrative position has responsibility for operation of the Law School's curriculum, including leading faculty planning and hiring adjunct professors and the practitioners who teach the school's "bridge" courses.

"I am in the fortunate position of walking in here with an excellent dean. We have happy students, alumni who are supportive and energized, and a good reputation in the community and among other law schools," she says.

Besides her teaching, she will continue with scholarly research and writing.



One project, drawing on her longtime interest in children's welfare, looks at amendments to child abuse reporting laws in all 50 states in the wake of the sex abuse scandals that have swept the Catholic Church.

Another project starts an exciting collaboration for the Law School. Working with oncologist Dr. Kerry J. Rodabaugh at Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Mangold is applying for a five-year National Institutes of Health grant to study whether providing end-of-life legal services to people with terminal illnesses will improve the quality of life in their remaining time, and improve their families' lives as well. A pilot study of 50 patients and their families, she says, found more than 30 areas of unmet need.

"Our hope is that we can have students in UB Law's advanced mediation program work with the families of these patients," Mangold says. "We are the only law school and cancer institute working together."

Mangold came to Buffalo in 1992 from Philadelphia, where she practiced at the Juvenile Law Center and taught as an adjunct at Haverford College. But her interest in the welfare of children began much earlier, when she was a student at Har-

vard College and was looking for a summer job. She had volunteered for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program in Cambridge during the school year, and got to know a number of the kids who lived in a nearby housing project called Roosevelt Towers.

One summer the pool at Roosevelt Towers was closed, so Mangold and another student asked Harvard for work-study money to reopen the pool and run a recreation program for the kids. The university liked the idea, but asked, could it be expanded? So expand it they did, to four counselors and a program that included taking vanloads of kids camping, as well as school supplies and art supplies. The second summer, they expanded the program to three housing projects.

Soon, Mangold was hired to open a girls club in Holyoke, Mass., where she ran a day camp and came into contact with children needing "protective day care" – care for foster children and others needing a secure system to regulate who was allowed to pick them up. She dealt with lawyers, social workers and all aspects of the child protective system.

"I saw it all," Mangold recalls. "I realized how much needed to be done for these kids. That was what made me ultimately decide to go to law school and become a child advocate."

At Harvard Law School, she served as executive director of the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau and co-founded the Children's Rights Project. From there, she went to Philadelphia, and then to Buffalo.

Amid the scholarly work and now administrative responsibilities, the memories of those formative years with a crowd of children remain vivid. Mangold recalls a night of camping in the New Hampshire woods with her charges, when a bear wandered through their campsite.

"These tough kids were scared beyond belief," she says. "It changed their points of reference."

In the programs she developed, "I loved working with 500 kids at a time," she says. "I just thrived on that energy." She takes on this new challenge with that same level of anticipation and looks to the alumni, fellow faculty and students to continue to provide the positive energy to make this new position a welcome challenge.



# WAY BEYOND BOOKS

## *The Law Library's Karen L. Spencer wins Chancellor's Award for librarianship*

**T**he longest-serving member of the current Law Library faculty has been awarded the prestigious Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship, in recognition of her skill in librarianship; service to the University and the profession; and scholarship and professional growth.

Karen L. Spencer, Archives and Special Collections librarian, was nominated for the honor by James G. Milles, director of the Law Library and associate dean for legal information services.

"Karen is truly one of the most dedicated and skilled law librarians with whom I have ever had the honor of working," Milles said in announcing the award for Spencer, who has been a UB law librarian since 1974. "In many significant ways, the current UB Law Library bears Karen's imprint."

In each of the awards three constituent areas, Milles wrote in his nomination letter, Spencer excels.

In librarianship, he noted her early experience in audiovisual materials. She created a number of slide-tape programs to help teach legal research skills. Faculty and students have testified to the extraordinary lengths Spencer and her staff will go to meet their legal research needs, and she is noted "for her ability to teach the most difficult types of legal research with skill, warmth and humor," Milles wrote.

Wrote Clinical Instructor Lauren Breen: "Each time I ask, she greets me with enthusiasm, and makes time to talk about the nature of the presentation and what sort of a fact pattern might work best for that particular class and that particular group of students." Students, Breen wrote, "report back that Karen was so helpful, friendly and knowledgeable. And the research quality is superb."

Spencer's special expertise in Native American law and immigration law are invaluable in Western New York, Milles wrote, in responding to issues involv-



ing treaties and other laws. She taught in the Law School's Asylum Law clinic for two years and continues to provide pro bono assistance in immigration cases on her own time.

In service to the University and the profession, Milles wrote, Spencer maintains an outstanding record. She has served twice on the Appointment, Promotion and Tenure Committee, and recently completed a two-year term on the University's Faculty Senate Affirmative Action Committee. She currently serves on UB President John B. Simpson's Panel for the Review of Search Procedures, which reviews appointments of new faculty and professional staff and ensures compliance with affirmative action and equal opportunity procedures.

Spencer also has chaired a number of search committees, including those

for the Law Library's reference librarians and processing archivist. Colleague John Edens noted, "Her skill in working with others on the search committee, her ability to handle the administrative aspects of a national search effectively, and her unselfish commitment of her own time to the process" make her a good choice for that difficult service.

In addition, Milles noted, Spencer drafted the Law Library's collection development policy and keeps it up to date; wrote, updates and oversees maintenance of the Law Library's extensive collection of subject bibliographies; and has taken a leading role in teaching legal research.

In scholarship and professional growth, Milles wrote, Spencer has excelled. She contributed a chapter on Indian law to the second edition of the *New York Legal Guide* by Ellen M. Gibson, and revised that chapter for the just-published third edition. As an early enthusiast of non-print publications in librarianship, she continues to develop new expertise in archives and special collections management.

"In more recent years," Milles wrote, "Karen has produced a number of significant Web-based publications, including the Iraq Crisis Webliography, for which she won a 2003 Service Excellence Award." He also noted her indexes of the Howard R. Berman and John Lord O'Brian papers, now available as databases on the Law Library's Web site.

In addition, Spencer has been a presenter at professional conferences, especially in her areas of expertise in Native American law and immigration law.

"Her commitment to the goal of service to legal scholarship and practice, and her outspoken advocacy of her well-reasoned and carefully considered positions, are of immeasurable benefit in my own management and decision-making," Milles concluded.



# Faculty

*Mitchell Lecture panelists explore the challenge and implications of diversity*

## WHO GETS IN?

THE QUEST FOR DIVERSITY AFTER *GRUTTER*



Charles E. Daye, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, law professor.

In law schools as elsewhere in American society, “diversity” has become a mantra. Advocates say a broad and intentional racial mix in any group, from the classroom to the boardroom, yields benefits both tangible and intangible.

The U.S. Supreme Court’s recent ruling in *Grutter v. Bollinger* has raised the diversity debate in law school admissions to a new level. The court held that diversity in the admissions process provides a critical benefit to legal education and to the profession, and thus race is a legitimate consideration in admissions decisions. But the court rejected the University of Michigan’s undergraduate numerical admissions scale intended to foster diversity, and left open the question of just how institutions should accomplish this goal.

That thorny debate provided the backdrop for the 2004 Mitchell Lecture, held at UB Law School on March 8. Titled “The Quest for Diversity after Grutter,” the event broadened the question well beyond admissions to include such issues as how to predict who will make an effective lawyer, how to construct a truly useful diversity, and concerns about the educational process that leads up to law school.

As Dean Nils Olsen noted in introducing the program, American society itself is increasingly diverse, and experience with a wide range of people helps to ensure that new lawyers will be able to practice effectively in that society. “In actively seeking diversity,” he said, “legal educators have emphasized that the presence and participation of a representative student body enriches the

learning experiences and opportunities for all students.”

A sampling of the five presenters’ views:

Professor **Sheldon Zedeck**, a psychologist with the University of California at Berkeley, described research he is conducting with law professor Marjorie M. Shultz to assess the testing of prospective law students. The research, funded by Law School Admissions Council, seeks to understand factors that predict a student’s eventual effectiveness as a lawyer – measures besides the standard Law School Admission Test.

“We think we have a reasonable idea of what makes for effectiveness as an attorney,” Zedeck said. “Now we are going to try to hypothesize what kinds of information you can collect from an undergraduate that will predict success once they are in the practice of law.”

Employing focus groups of non-practitioners, the researchers asked, “Whom would you pick for an attorney, and why?” Zedeck said that process produced 26 “effectiveness factors” pertaining to lawyering – such factors as communication skills, conflict resolution skills, networking and business development, integrity and honesty, stress management and self-development.

Next, he said, they may administer personality tests to undergraduates that measure such qualities as emotional intelligence, situational judgment and moral responsibility. It is hoped the results will clarify which qualities best predict success in law school and beyond – a useful tool for future generations of admissions officers.

Howard University law professor





**Frank H. Wu** spoke about the hazards of discussing diversity in the abstract, as he said the Supreme Court has done. Such a practice, he said, risks a move toward a diversity that fails to address long-standing social injustices.

**F**or example, he said, it is possible to create a racially diverse classroom "without necessarily a lot of African-American students. I point this out to suggest that racial minority groups are not fungible – if we increase diversity by adding Asian-American students, that does not address the classic black-white color line. Regrettably, that is often what happens."

Even an effort to increase black rep-

resentation in classes might result in the admission of large numbers of Caribbeans, Haitians and Africans, he said – a fact that avoids "the particular issues that face urban inner-city impoverished African-Americans, especially young men."

"Justice (Sandra Day) O'Connor has announced that diversity is a compelling state interest," Wu said. "Clearly we should be interested in diversity not merely in the abstract – diversity as difference – but as to whether it might serve us in advancing the broader interest of racial equality and civil rights."

**Charles E. Daye**, law professor at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, paraphrased Tina Turner in asking, what's race got to do with it?

**Frank H. Wu**, Howard University law professor.

More specifically, he asked, does racial balance contribute to true educational diversity?

"Proponents argue that racial diversity is critical to ensure diversity of perspective, experience, expectation and values," he said. "Opponents say race is irrelevant. The problem is that neither argument is founded in science. Neither argument has any empirical study to support it."

Daye is trying to rectify that lack

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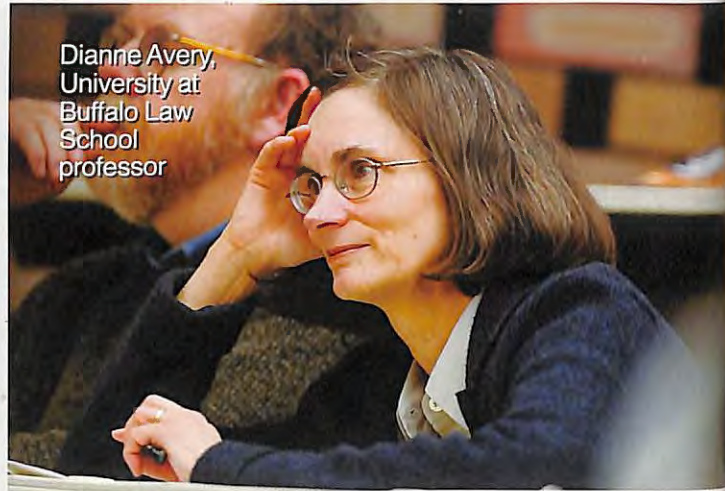


# Faculty

Margaret E. Montoya,  
University of  
New Mexico  
School of Law  
professor



Dianne Avery,  
University at  
Buffalo Law  
School  
professor



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with research into five "diversity construct areas" among students: family background, experience, perspective, educational expectations, and career goals and aspirations. By tying these constructs together with student demographics, including race, he and his colleagues hope to "find out whether we are getting anything out of racial diversity that we would not already have."

"If we find little or no evidence of a relationship between race and diversity, then the claim that race-conscious admissions are essential will be weakened," Daye said. "If we find a meaningful or strong relationship between race and diversity, the argument that race is a material factor in achieving diversity will be strengthened."

"This is the danger of social science research. You have hypotheses, but you are not sure the data will prove your hypotheses right, so in that sense you are embarking on a dangerous quest. I am convinced enough, as an African-American, that my life would not be the same as it has been if I had been born white. And I am willing to take that chance."

From the poorest state in the nation,



Professor Sheldon Zedeck, University of California at Berkeley psychologist.

Professor **Margaret E. Montoya** of the University of New Mexico School of Law used her state's education system as an object lesson in the difficulties faced by racial minorities on the way to law school. As a "majority minority" state, she said, New Mexico has great numbers of Hispanic and Native American residents. Twenty percent of the population, she said, lives below the poverty line.

**M**ontoya has researched and written about why so few Hispanics, particularly, reach the doctoral level in their education. Her special research interest is in the question of how to integrate the different levels of education in New Mexico, from grade school right on up to law school, to reduce the dropout rate and get more young people into graduate schools.

"Our approach is a long-term, systemic one," Montoya said. "We intend to make changes all along this pipeline, and we understand that we might in fact have success with only a small number of students."

"But we feel confident that we will have a better-integrated system, one that is also more just and one in which





Lynn Mather,  
director of  
Baldy Center  
for Law and  
Social Policy  
and professor



Athena D.  
Mutua,  
University at  
Buffalo  
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professor,  
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moderator.

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affirmative action is a more expansive tool than one that is intended to secure benefits only in classrooms, and specifically law school classrooms."

The final speaker was **David L. Chambers**, an emeritus professor of the University of Michigan Law School. Chambers looked at the "longer timeline" extending from grade school through professional life, and noted that a narrow focus on law school admissions misses the broader problem that fewer African-Americans, Latinos and Native Americans are in the applicant pool in the first place.

"You cannot get to law school without graduating from college and graduating from high school," he said, "but there is a severe problem with both." Among students who start high school, he said, 82 percent of whites graduate; 73 percent of blacks; 61 percent of Hispanics; and only 48 percent of Mexican-Americans. "By the time high school is over," he said, "a very distressingly large number of black and Latino young men already have significant police records that not merely stand in the way of completing their education but almost everything that could happen afterwards."

"Much the same story is true at the college level: Fewer blacks and Hispan-



David L. Chambers, University of  
Michigan Law School professor emeritus.

ics start college, but among those who do start, even fewer finish compared with whites."

Even after admission to law school, Chambers said, three more "critical hurdles" must be passed before a student becomes a practitioner. He or she must graduate, pass the Bar exam and get a job. Minorities, he said, lag in these areas as well: "We are losing a significant number of African-American and Latino students in law school. Two out of every five African-Americans who start law school – those who we are so worried about getting in – never get through and pass the Bar."

**T**he message, he said, is that the Grutter decision doesn't absolve legal educators from the hard work necessary to mitigate those disturbing statistics and do more to support minority students during these crucial three years.

The Mitchell Lecture series, which began in 1951, was endowed by a gift from Lavinia A. Mitchell in honor of her husband, James McCormick Mitchell, an 1897 graduate of the Buffalo Law School. An edited transcript of the panelists' remarks this year will be published in the *Buffalo Law Review*.



## Serving the public interest

*Faculty play pivotal role in effort to revise the NY Not-for-Profit Corporation Law*

Last spring in New York City, UB Law School's Peter Pitegoff and Lauren Breen brought together two dozen leading state and national experts in non-profit corporation law. As a critical step toward comprehensive revision of the New York Not-for-Profit Corporation Law (NPCL), they organized a full-day meeting on March 29 at New York University School of Law, co-hosted by the National Center on Philanthropy and the Law, the New York State Bar Association and UB Law School. The spirited and high-level discussion set the stage for an ongoing effort by the NYSBA Committee on Corporations and Other Business Entities to substantially improve the law governing non-profit organizations in New York.

It was an impressive gathering. Co-authors of the definitive treatise on the NPCL were there, as were two former heads of the Charities Bureau of the Office of the New York State attorney general and the executive director of the Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York, an umbrella organization with a membership of over 1,000 non-profit corporations. Bringing a national perspective were, among others, representatives of the American Law Institute's Project on Principles of the Law of Non-profit Corporations and drafters of new proposed revisions to the American Bar Association's Model Nonprofit Corporation Act. Rounding out the group were organized bar representatives, and leading scholars and practitioners in the field. These experts reviewed and discussed the nascent policy proposals of the NYSBA, informing and providing guidance for a process of legislative change that is likely to continue for a number of years.

Peter Pitegoff is vice dean for academic affairs and professor at UB Law School. Lauren Breen is a longtime clinical instructor and supervising attorney in the UB Legal Assistance Program, the Law School's clinical education program.



In crafting last spring's event at NYU, Breen and Pitegoff worked closely with Fred Attea, partner at Phillips Lytle LLP in Buffalo and a member of the UB Law School Dean's Advisory Council. Attea chairs the state bar committee that has undertaken this policy initiative and, two years ago, drew UB Law School to the center of this project.

Other organizers included Michael de Freitas, a member of the bar committee and an attorney at William Moran & Associates in Williamsville; Nixon Peabody partners Gregory Blasi, chair of the NYSBA Business Section, and Michael

Cooney; and Harvey Dale, professor of law and director of the Center on Philanthropy and the Law at New York University.

The meeting marked an important moment in the NYSBA effort to review and revise the NPCL, bringing the process from behind closed doors to a more public arena. Initially undertaken to conform the NPCL to the current New York Business Corporation Law, this process has evolved into a comprehensive draft revision of the NPCL. The non-





Peter R. Pitegoff, vice dean for academic affairs and professor, and Lauren E. Breen '89, clinical instructor.

ably with comparable laws in other states and, if enacted, will reduce current incentives for organizations in New York to incorporate out of state." Attention to other concurrent drafting initiatives such as those by the American Law Institute and the American Bar Association should ensure that New York's revised NPCL reflects the best practices nationally.

Still a work in progress, the revisions seek a more consistent statutory framework for non-profit corporations and business corporations in New York State. Such symmetry will simplify the practice and interpretation of New York corporate law, particularly given the significant overlap of non-profit and business law practice. The proposed revisions also reflect an effort to reduce excessive barriers to formation of or changes in a not-for-profit corporation in New York, streamlining approval processes while maintaining adequate government oversight and the fiduciary responsibilities of directors and officers. The proposed revisions further simplify the NPCL by eliminating the designation of and distinctions among four separate statutory "types" of not-for-profit corporations, an idiosyncratic provision unique to New York law that creates undue complexity in formation, ambiguity at the borders between types, and potential dissonance with federal Internal Revenue Code categories for tax exemption.

The federal Sarbanes-Oxley Act, enacted in 2002 in the wake of scandals in large publicly traded corporations to protect shareholders against financial fraud and abuse by directors and officers, has given rise to similar legislative proposals

at the state level to govern certain not-for-profit corporations. The public debate around the Sarbanes-Oxley Act already has yielded heightened awareness and action in the non-profit sector with respect to transparency, internal procedures and safeguards against fraud.

In drafting its NPCL revisions, the NYSBA is taking careful account of the need to prevent wrongdoing, but also of the differences between publicly traded corporations and not-for-profit corporations. The proposed revisions strengthen protections against misuse of charitable funds and assets received for specific purposes, while resisting wholesale importation of new restrictions that were designed for publicly traded companies.

Revision of the New York Not-for-Profit Corporation Law is moving slowly but steadily into a more public phase. In the months and years to come, it eventually will wind its way into and through the complex political process of law reform in New York State. UB Law School will continue to play a pivotal role in the process.

profit sector in New York State is enormous and wide-ranging – foundations and charities, health care organizations, service agencies, clubs and neighborhood groups, cultural institutions, religious organizations, research and educational centers, chambers of commerce, economic development corporations, and more. The goal of this initiative is to produce a revised statute that best serves the public interest and the New York non-profit sector.

"Our proposed revision of the statute," said Pitegoff, "compares favor-

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# Faculty

UB Law School graduates establish fund in honor of former professor

## Louis Del Cotto

**S**even former students of Louis A. Del Cotto '51, a highly respected tax authority and professor emeritus in the University at Buffalo Law School, have established an endowment fund — kicking it off with \$75,000 in gifts and pledges — to honor the man they credit with providing the foundation for their own successful careers.

An expert in the intricacies of the tax code, statutes and regulations, Del Cotto taught at the Law School for more than 40 years, redefining the curriculum in tax law. In addition to his teaching, Del Cotto collaborated on the *Bittker Federal Income Estate and Gift Taxation* treatise, was counsel to the New York State Commission on Estates, and served on the New York State Society for Certified Public Accountants and New York University/Internal Revenue Service Board of Advisors, along with a host of other tax panels and institutes.

In appreciation for his devotion to the law and his dedication to teaching, his former students have created the Louis A. Del Cotto Fund for Excellence in Tax and Tax-Related Studies and are urging fellow alumni to join the effort.

"Professor Del Cotto was pivotal in my life and the lives of so many other successful UB Law School graduates," said Dianne Bennett '75, recently retired chair, Hodgson Russ LLP. "He helped launch the careers of his former students, many of whom have gained prominence and stature in the legal profession and assumed leadership roles in their communities."

In addition to Bennett, the other fund-raising committee members are Paul R. Comeau '73, Barry K. Gassman '71, David E. Jacobson '74, Barbara D. Klipfert '75, Erik D. Lindauer '81 and Richard L. Reinhold '76.


According to UB Law School Dean Nils Olsen, "During my tenure of more than 25 years at the Law School, Lou Del Cotto, along with Al Mugel, Ken Joyce and Bill Greiner, created a tax program with a national reputation that profoundly affected the careers of our graduates, many of whom now lead their firms in tax law. Lou and Bea are close personal friends of all of us at UB Law, so it is particularly appropriate that we honor him — just as he brought honor to us for so many years."

For more information or to make a gift, please contact Deborah J. Scott, vice dean for development, UB Law School, at [djscott@buffalo.edu](mailto:djscott@buffalo.edu) or (716) 645-2113.

*"Professor Del Cotto helped launch the careers of his former students, many of whom have gained prominence and stature in the legal profession and assumed leadership roles in their communities."*

*— Dianne Bennett '75*



A black and white portrait of a middle-aged man with dark hair, wearing glasses, a dark suit jacket, a white shirt, and a blue patterned tie. He is smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is plain and light-colored.

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## 'Pensions, Politics and the Public Interest'

*Professor Jim Wooten probes the history of ERISA*

**I**n a time of increasing cynicism about the workings of government and the role of special-interest lobbies, Professor James A. Wooten's new book of legal history is refreshing: It tells the story of a major piece of legislation that benefited millions of workers and came about because public servants wanted to do what was right.

The book, due out in January, is *The Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974: A Political History*. ERISA, as the complex law is known, was the federal government's first major foray into regulating private pension programs. Through such measures as fiduciary standards of conduct, minimum vesting and funding standards, and a government-run insurance program, ERISA sought to ensure that no employer would ever leave its retired workers impoverished by defaulting on its pension promises.

Contrary to other political historians' assertions that special interests called the shots as ERISA took shape, Wooten shows that the legislation was the product of committed and reform-minded politicians, most prominently Sen. Jacob K. Javits, R-N.Y.

"Before 1974, there was only minimal regulation of pension plans," says Wooten, whose book is being published by the University of California Press in conjunction with the Milbank Memorial Fund and the Employee Benefit Research Institute. "The questions I started with were, who wanted ERISA to pass, and why did it pass?"

To answer these questions, he did a decade's worth of research in primary sources. The list of archives he mined for information is long: the presidential papers of John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, Richard M. Nixon and Gerald R. Ford (who signed ERISA into law); archives of the

federal Departments of Labor, Treasury and Commerce, the Office of Management and Budget, and the steelworkers, garment workers, and autoworkers unions; individual legislators' papers, including those of Javits and Sens. Harrison Williams and Mike Mansfield and Congressman Wilbur Mills; and the South Bend, Ind., archives of the Studebaker Corp., the 1963 collapse of whose retirement plan was a seminal event in framing the debate over pension reform.

Wooten also interviewed key legislative figures from the 1970s, including members of Congress, congressional staffers, and staffers from the

Departments of Labor and Treasury. "Pension people really love pension plans," Wooten says. "They wanted to talk about the story and why they did what they did. With their help I was able to construct a broader, more comprehensive picture than any of them could have done individually."

**T**he history, he says, involved "both policy and politics." And the competing interests were not uniform, as evidenced by a deep split in the labor movement over the issue of pension security. The industrial unions such as the autoworkers and steelworkers, he says, strongly favored ERISA, because their pension plans were managed by employers. But in craft unions, for example, in the building and construction trades, sentiment was firmly against the legislation, because workers in these industries participated in multi-employer plans in which union officials played the predominant role in plan administration. The business community, says Wooten, opposed the new government regulation across the board.

"ERISA is a law that passed because reformers who thought workers were at risk wanted to make those workers safer," Wooten says simply. ERISA is





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*"ERISA also has important effects in fields like health care law, domestic relations, property, and estates and trusts. It is extremely broad in its sweep."*

also interesting and unusual because Congress, rather than the executive branch, played the major role in publicizing pension issues and drafting reform legislation. Another notable point is that ERISA was developed during the 93rd Congress, which was in session in the dark days of the Watergate scandal.

Wooten, who left the practice of law to work on his doctoral dissertation at Yale University, notes that "ERISA is a law that affects many areas of legal practice. The most obvious examples are fields like labor and em-

ployment law and tax," says Wooten. "But ERISA also has important effects in fields like health care law, domestic relations, property, and estates and trusts. It is extremely broad in its sweep."

After his book's long and difficult birth, Wooten says he is satisfied that he has done justice to the complex interplay of reform-minded politics and self-serving interests that surrounded the ERISA debate. "The political history of ERISA is not a simple story of good triumphing over evil," he says, "but it is not a story of evil triumphing

over good, either, which is the one we usually get. From a political perspective as well as a policy perspective, ERISA was a very complicated legal reform."



# Faculty Books

## Westbrook's book focuses on making sense of globalization

*Argues that 'markets' are now the dominant form of governance; globalization limits the rise of aggressive, militarized nationalism*

Globalization is trumpeted by some and demonized by others as a pathway to either unprecedented global prosperity or increased poverty, among other benefits and ills. A new book by a University at Buffalo law professor attempts to make sense of the debate and forge a new era of understanding by examining the powerful cultural and political implications of a force that is transforming the way we live and view the world.

In *City of Gold: An Apology for Global Capitalism in a Time of Discontent*, David A. Westbrook, associate professor of law in the UB Law School, argues that "markets not nations" have become the dominant form of global governance. And while the emergence of globalization has created its own set of problems —

including the fact that people and governments have yet to fully grasp what it means to live in a "globalized" world — Westbrook says globalization has achieved its primary goal: It has successfully stunted the emergence of aggressive, militarized nationalism, as was practiced by Germany, France, Great Britain and the United States prior to World War II.

In Westbrook's view, globalization is not a recent phenomenon, as is commonly described, but rather is more than 50 years old, set in motion by political decisions made in the aftermath of World War II. "Globalization was adopted for essentially political reasons because the nation-state — as exemplified most perfectly by Hitler's Germany — had become simply too dangerous," he explains.

"Globalization limits the creation of this type of power by fragmenting institutions' and people's ways of looking at the world," he adds. "If we have a fragmented and overlapping set of affiliations, we can't — as we did prior to World War II — create a world in

which large militaries, large economies and large politically mobilized populations all meet at the Rhine."

According to Westbrook, when economies are radically dependent on events in other parts of the world, and when people have contacts across political and geographic lines — through travel, marriage, work, etc. — it becomes difficult to build the militarized nation-states that gave rise to World War II.

"Prevention of future wars required suppression of nationalism," Westbrook writes in *City of Gold*. "The vehicle for such suppression was economic integration."

"So we integrated Europe and globalized much of the world," he explains. "As a result, marketplace activity should be seen not as social relations that are opposed or ancillary to politics, but as political activities in their own right. Much of our politics today is done through markets."

The concepts of "nation building" proposed for Kosovo and Iraq are modern examples of how the process

of globalization restricts the growth of militarized nation states, Westbrook points out.

"By 'nation building' we don't mean creation of independent nations that are free to go to war," he says. "We mean creating nations where people have profound economic and cultural attachments that transcend geographic borders, which limits the ability to create a focused military machine that can inundate its neighbors."

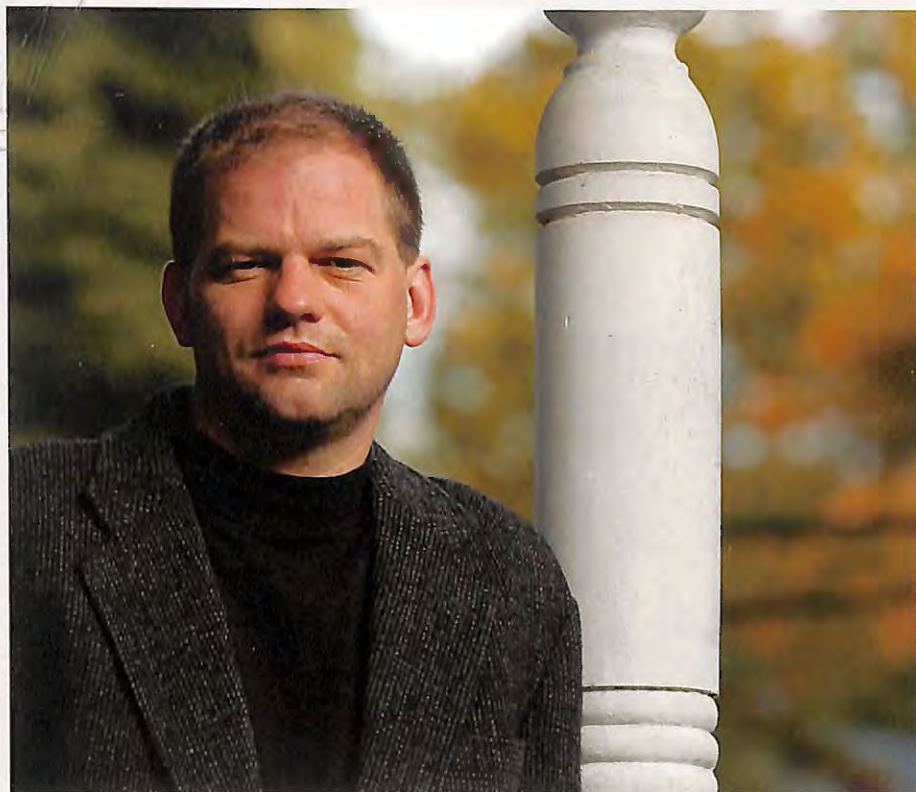
The emergence of globalization, however, has outpaced our understanding of what it means to live in such a world, Westbrook says.

"We're aware that we are going through a transformation, but we're not very good at articulating what we mean by globalization," Westbrook says. "We've had a difficult time thinking about what it means to live in a world in which we understand our political relationships to be market relationships."

"This book addresses that problem," he continues. "It asks very traditional political questions, but does so in the context of market relations — in terms of the institutions of money and property — rather than the democratic relations among citizens that inform most modern political thought and social criticism. In contrast, most contemporary thinking about globalization tends to view the market as a machine operating outside of our experience, and certainly outside of our politics."

In Westbrook's opinion, anti-globalization protests in Seattle, Prague and Miami are partly an attempt to orient





*"In 'City of Gold,' one of our best young international law scholars grapples with the promise and perils of globalization. David Westbrook brings imagination, realism and moral seriousness to a set of problems that for better or worse are transforming the way human beings live in every corner of the world."*

*— Mary Ann Glendon,  
Learned Hand Professor of  
Law, Harvard University*

ourselves in this new political reality.

"By and large, I think the protests are about something else than what the protestors claim. Call it discontent with modern life. *City of Gold* is simultaneously an effort to articulate the discontent many of us feel with our situation, and an effort to make some peace with that situation — which is why the book is called an apology."

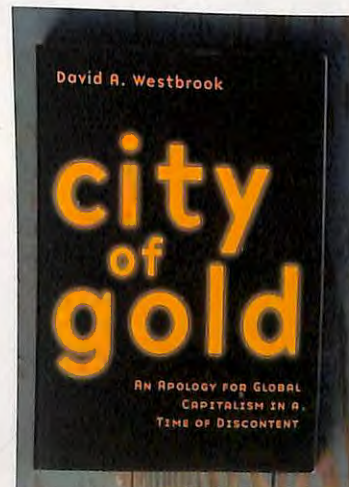
Though globalization has prevented the growth of aggressive, militarized nationalism, it has come at considerable cost, Westbrook argues. Considered as a way of doing politics, globalization can provide only unsatisfying answers to the classic questions of political thought, he says. "It offers little in the way of truth, provides little sense of community and little hope for justice," he explains.

Westbrook argues that the usual ways we think about political economy, the languages used by both detractors and defenders of globalization, no longer are adequate. Economics, progressive social thought and rights-based liberalism are all "exhausted philosophies," he says. "Such thinking remains instructive, but it has entered the tradition, along with the Greeks

and the medieval scholars and many others, and cannot be used unself-consciously for contemporary purposes," he adds.

What is needed now is an awareness that global markets can be shaped to achieve social and political goals, Westbrook contends. "When you define markets, you're making choices about the way people live together," he argues. "We must begin to imagine how we want to structure our markets, and thus how we want to live in this new world."

But while such thinking is commendable, much of social life will remain organized by markets, and therefore will remain dissatisfying and limited in the way that markets are, Westbrook concludes.





# Leadership Giving

## Roger Jones supports faculty scholars

By Jessica Keltz '06

UB Law alumnus Roger Jones '84 once wanted an academic career teaching medieval history. Now, he's a partner at one of the world's most prestigious law firms, Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw LLP. Recently, he decided it was time to give back to UB, the institution where he not only earned his law degree, but also his B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. He and his wife Karen have made a generous gift to the Law School, allowing Dean Nils Olsen the discretion to use the money where it is needed most. Dean Olsen has earmarked these funds for faculty scholarship.

"When I earned my Ph.D. in history, it would be fair to call it a buyer's market," Jones said, noting that in 1979 tenure-track positions were scarce. He made much more money working in middle management at a trucking company. Teaching at the university level, the career he had envisioned, "didn't look like it was going to be a realistic possibility," he recalls.

Luckily for Jones, when he enrolled in UB Law, he found another subject he could enjoy: tax law. And tax law, in addition to engaging his intellect, also provided the foundation for a dynamic career.

"I took every tax course that was available to me while I was there," Jones said, recalling in particular the teaching talents of professors Louis Del Cotto, Ken Joyce and former university president William Greiner.

After graduating from UB Law, Jones spent two years as an associate with the Buffalo office of the law firm then known as Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber before moving to Chicago to take a position with the firm now known as Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw LLP. Mayer Brown has offices in six U.S. and seven European cities and a tax de-



*"I have been extremely fortunate in my professional career and thought it was worth trying to give back a little bit to the school."*

partment Jones finds unique.

Tax law at Mayer Brown, he explained, is divided into two departments — transactional, which is like the tax practice of most law firms, and tax controversy, which deals with disputes with various tax authorities. Attorneys can begin to represent clients at any level of a dispute, from the beginning of an IRS audit to arguing a client's case before an appeals court.

"I have dealt with tax controversies at every level of our system," he said. He added that the firm's litigation expertise informs its tax planning services as well.

Jones entered law school with some career experience under his belt, with a

family to think about in addition to his homework. When he started in 1981, his son — now a successful attorney himself — was almost 11 and his daughter was 4. During Jones' first semester in law school, he kept his full-time job with the trucking company.

The schedule, Jones said, was an unusual one, with managers working seven 12-hour shifts every 14 days. To make it to class every day, he volunteered to cover nights.

"The terminal where we operated from was up on the Niagara River by the Grand Island Bridge," he said. "My wife, our kids and I lived out in West Seneca, which was 20-some miles from work."

Work finished at around 7 or 8 a.m., so rather than drive all the way back to West Seneca — then turn around and head to Amherst — Jones decided to make better use of his time.

"I would close the curtains of the station wagon and sleep for about two hours," in a North Campus parking lot, he said. Later in his law school career, he

worked as a summer associate and taught LSAT prep courses, which made for a more conventional schedule.

Jones decided it was time to give back to UB after serving on the Law School's Dean's Advisory Council. "And the rest is history, I guess," Jones said.

"My education at UB Law School prepared me very, very well for everything I do. I have been extremely fortunate in my professional career and thought it was worth trying to give back a little bit to the school."

Named Roger and Karen Jones Faculty Scholars are: Professor John Henry Schlegel, Professor Markus D. Dubber, Professor Robert J. Steinfeld and Professor Rebecca R. French.



# Members of the University Founders Society

The University at Buffalo created **The University Founders** recognition society in 1994 to honor individuals who have given a least \$50,000 to the university over a lifetime. The names of University Founders whose gifts have benefited the Law School are listed below:

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# Leadership Giving

## O'Brian Hall facilities named for donors



**T**he UB Council recently approved several resolutions naming classrooms and other rooms in the Law School's John Lord O'Brian Hall in acknowledgment of gifts to the recently completed Campaign for UB: Generation to Generation. The naming of these facilities "recognizes people who have done a great deal for the university," Council Chair Jeremy M. Jacobs said.

The O'Brian Hall rooms are:

**Room 102 O'Brian Hall**, North Campus, was named the **Anthony J. Renaldo Classroom** in recognition of a gift from Mr. Renaldo '50. Three years ago, Anthony J. Renaldo made a generous pledge to the Law School as his contribution to the University's Capital Campaign. Mr. Renaldo is a prominent Buffalo attorney who has served with distinction as a member of our Law School Campaign Steering Committee and as the Chair of the Law School's 2002-03 Annual Campaign. He also serves as an active member of the Dean's Advisory Council.

**Room 106 O'Brian Hall** was named the **Hodgson Russ LLP Classroom** in

recognition of a gift from the Buffalo law firm. Five years ago, the law firm of Hodgson Russ made a generous pledge to the Law School as its contribution to the University's Capital Campaign. Hodgson Russ enjoys a close relationship with the University, the University at Buffalo Foundation and the Law School.

**Room 104 O'Brian Hall** was named the **William A. Niese Classroom** in recognition of Mr. Niese '61. This room is named to commemorate his generosity and to demonstrate appreciation for the extensive and valuable leadership and assistance he has provided to the University and to the Law School. Mr. Niese contributed a major gift during the

recent Capital Campaign. In addition, Mr. Niese was an honorary co-chair of the Capital Campaign and was on the Steering Committee of the Law School's Campaign. He is a member of the President's Constituency Group at UB and a former chair of the Law School Dean's Advisory Council. He retired two years ago from his position as senior vice president and general counsel of Times Mirror, a \$3.4 billion corporation, after rising through the ranks of that company and a subsidiary over a 34-year period.

**The jury deliberation room in O'Brian Hall** was named the **Terrence M. Connors Jury Deliberation Room** in recognition of a gift from Mr. Connors '71. This room is named to commemorate his generosity and to demonstrate appreciation for the extensive and valuable leadership and assistance he has provided to the Law School. In addition to making a generous commitment during the recent Capital Campaign, Mr. Connors served as chair of the Campaign of UB Law, which raised more than \$12 million. He is a former member of our Dean's Advisory Council and is a highly accomplished litigator who is one of the best-known and most respected attorneys in Western New York.

**Room 5 of O'Brian Hall** was named the **Floyd H. and Hilda L. Hurst Classroom** in recognition of a gift from the late Floyd Hurst, LL.B. '31, and his late wife, Hilda. This room is named to commemorate their generosity and to demonstrate appreciation for their commitment to the University and to the Law School. The Hursts, both of whom are now deceased, contributed a major gift to the Law School during the recent Capital Campaign. Mr. Hurst, who had an outstanding career as an attorney, and his wife were both highly respected members of their community.

**The judge's chambers** in O'Brian Hall were named the **Norman J. Pecora Judge's Chambers** in recognition of a gift from Mr. Pecora '31. The chambers



were named to commemorate his generosity and to demonstrate appreciation for his commitment to the University and to the Law School. Mr. Pecora, who recently celebrated his 98th birthday, has made a major bequest to the Law School. Mr. Pecora had an outstanding career and is highly regarded in the Buffalo legal community.

**Room 107 O'Brian Hall** was named for **Gordon Gross '55 and Gretchen Gross**. Naming this room demonstrates our appreciation for the generosity and assistance they have provided to the Law School, and our respect for the leadership, service and support they have given to many worthwhile organizations. Gordon Gross, a State University of New York trustee, is a founder and senior partner of Gross, Shuman, Brizdle and Gilfillan. In addition, he has provided guidance and support to many key organizations in Western New York and beyond. Gretchen Gross has devoted much of her life to the education and development of young children. She co-founded Audubon in College Park, an early childhood program, more than 30 years ago and has served as its director almost continuously since then. Generally regarded as one of the best schools of its kind in the country, it has been recognized for its excellence by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

**Room 108 O'Brian Hall** was named for **Harvey L. Kaminski '77**. Naming this room for him demonstrates appreciation for the generosity and leadership he has provided the Law School and for his major gifts during the recent Capital Campaign. He is president and CEO of Prestige Capital Corp., a major national factoring firm which he co-founded in 1985. The company manages more than \$250 million in financial transactions a year. It is headquartered in New Jersey with offices in several other states. Mr. Kaminsky is an active and valuable member of our Dean's Advisory Council. His vision and ideas have assisted the school significantly.

## Members of the General Edmund Hayes Society

The University at Buffalo bestows membership in the General Edmund Hayes Society to individuals who have made provisions through a bequest or other method of deferred giving. We thank the individuals listed below who have designated the UB Law School to receive their gifts.

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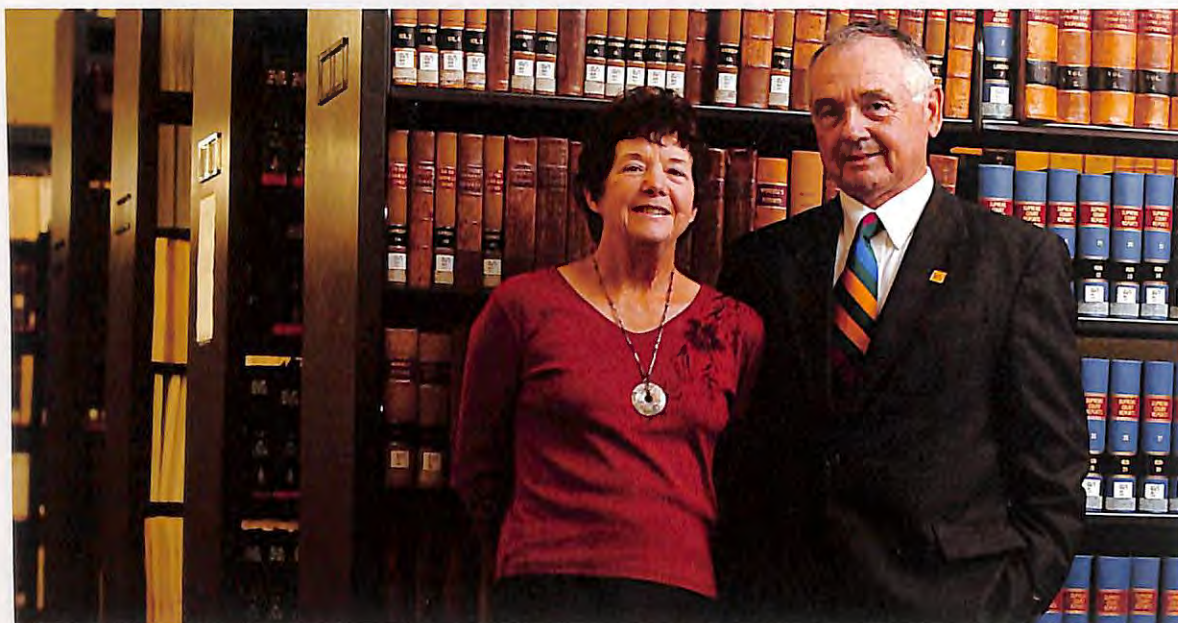
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# Legacy Giving



Maggie Headrick and her husband, SUNY Distinguished Service Professor Thomas E. Headrick.

## Alumni, friends utilize planned giving to make substantial gifts

**B**arbara D. Klippert '75 of McKee Nelson; SUNY Distinguished Service Professor and former Dean Thomas E. Headrick and his artist wife, Maggie; Norman Pecora '31; and Mary Foster are among those alumni and friends of UB Law who have chosen to utilize planned giving as a way to make substantial gifts while ensuring their personal financial security.

Planned giving incorporates philanthropy into an overall financial plan in which gifts can be made in one or more formats, including bequests, charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts and retirement plan beneficiary designations. A planned gift allows you to make a current commitment, and be recognized for such without having to relinquish all the benefits you derive from the asset gifted. Arranged in advance of their fulfillment, a planned gift frequently allows you to turn low-yielding assets into a gift while also providing and/or increasing current income for you and your loved ones.

In addition, planned giving can help

you maximize tax benefits during your lifetime while enabling you to make a greater gift than you may have thought possible. The type of assets used will determine the actual tax and financial benefit resulting from the gift.

Depending on one's wishes, the gift can be designated to benefit the Law School for a particular purpose, such as an endowed faculty position, a research program, a student scholarship or fellowship or another area that may represent your own intellectual interest or have contributed to your career success.

According to Dean Nils Olsen, planned gifts in the form of bequests can fund improvements to O'Brian Hall, scholarships, fellowships, professorships and anything else that might suit the donor's interests. If the Law School can anticipate a bequest in advance, a naming opportunity can be settled on during the donor's life.

After **Barbara D. Klippert** earned



Barbara D. Klippert '75

her law degree, she moved first to Rochester to practice tax law, later relocating to New York City. Now a partner in the firm McKee Nelson, Klippert deals mainly with structuring transactions funded by pensions and worker benefits funds, but she still practices some tax law. Before joining McKee Nelson in 2003, she spent 16 years as a partner at Strook & Strook & Lavan. Klippert credits UB with preparing her for professional success.

"My legal education helped to get me where I am," Klippert said. "I thought it might be nice to do something for the Law School, for other students who are in the situation I was in."

Klippert recalled: "When I went to law school I had no money, and the fact that UB was less expensive than other places was a major factor, enabling me to go to law school. Now I'm in a different financial situation, and I don't have any children. When it came time to do my



will, I thought I'd like to give something back to the Law School so I would be in a position to help other students."

Although she wants her bequest to benefit students, Klippert said she decided not to restrict the Law School's use of her money.

"On the one hand, it would be nice if some of it went for scholarships, but I realize that if I limit it, it's less helpful to the Law School."

**T**om Headrick came to UB in 1976 to serve as the Law School's dean. After stepping down from the deanship in 1985, he was, at different times, associate dean of the Law School, chair of the Undergraduate College, interim dean of Arts and Letters and later of Architecture and Planning, senior counselor to the president, and UB provost. In 1993, the State University of New York board of trustees named Headrick a SUNY Distinguished Service Professor. During his more than 25 years with UB he has taught Property, Corporations, Corporate Finance and a variety of seminars and undergraduate classes, including World Civilization. As an attorney, he focused on the areas of public-oriented planning and local government law. Now retired and living in California, he returns to Buffalo for two months each fall to teach three courses at the Law School.

His wife, **Maggie Headrick**, an artist and teacher, received an M.F.A. from UB in 1979. Since then, she has, at various times, served as academic counselor in the UB Art Department, taught occasional studio art courses at UB and art history at Canisius College and exhibited her art in numerous shows in Western New York and beyond. She is also co-author of *Seeing Buffalo*, a guide to art and architecture in our region.

Tom is a graduate of four universities and a former employee of three, and Maggie, a graduate of three and former employee of two. They have often given modest amounts to the schools where they have attended or worked, but decided they wanted to do something more substantial for one university. UB is where their strongest connections and deepest loyalties lie.

"It was a desire to leave, at some

point, a significant amount of money to the university for the things we are interested in seeing continued and expanded. Our financial adviser told us that this would be a sensible way to do it," Headrick said.

With some generous matching grants and a sum they donated themselves, the Headricks set up a small endowment, the earnings from which already go to support the UB Art Galleries and Law School. Shortly thereafter, they designated an IRA for which the endowment, through the UB foundation, is the beneficiary.

While the Art Galleries and Law School can spend the endowment's current earnings at their discretion, the Headricks have asked that it support Law School faculty and student research in law and political economy and student and faculty shows at the UB Art Galleries.

A 1931 alumnus of UB Law School, **Norman J. Pecora** celebrated his 98th birthday this year and is believed to be the Law School's oldest living alumnus. His legal career began in the office of Kevin Killeen, where he practiced for a number of years before going to the U.S. Department of Justice's Immigration and Naturalization Service at the beginning of World War II. After the war, he joined the law firm of Judge Michael J. Montesano, where he remained until 1958. During the last 44 years of his career, Pecora had a general practice and was associated with the firm of Cohen and Lombardo.

For many years, Mr. Pecora's avocation was dancing. He began competitive dancing in his mid-70s and continued into his 90s. During that time, he won many prizes and awards, including numerous gold medals at the Winter Dance Olympics, in Toronto.

Mr. Pecora has made a generous bequest to the Law School, "in gratitude for an outstanding education and the full life it made possible for me. Making a gift to the school has long been a desire of mine. I gave from my heart to show my appreciation for the opportu-

nity I received."

In honor of Mr. Pecora, the judges chambers next to the Francis M. Letro Courtroom has been named the Norman J. Pecora Judges Chambers. They currently serve as the Erie County chambers for Hon. Vincent E. Doyle, a New York State Supreme Court Justice and former administrative judge for the Eighth Judicial District.

**Mary K. Foster's** husband, William Powell Foster '33, died in 1992. Through a charitable remainder annuity trust, she

will fund an important outreach initiative of the school through the William Powell Foster and Mary Karpiak Foster Legal Services for the Elderly Clinic.

Mrs. Foster, who served for many years as a public health educator in Rochester, said, "As a public health educator, I did a lot of this kind of work. I knew the structure of it, getting information to people about a problem or helping them solve problems. So I like the fact that

this money will be used in a community where there is need."

A further initiative is a spring 2005 conference on access to and payment for long-term care that Mrs. Foster is helping to plan with Professor Anthony Szczygiel, director of the Elder Law Clinic. To be held in Ontario County, the conference will target "professionals dealing with the elderly in the Finger Lakes area, including attorneys, social workers, nurses, discharge planners, a whole array of folks," Szczygiel said. "The idea is to take what is a very complicated area and pull together all the people in that service area and make sure everybody has an understanding of the different programs, what is covered by Medicare, Medicaid, the VA and other sources."

**If you would like more detailed information about gift planning opportunities or a complimentary brochure, *Ways to Give*, please contact Wendy Irving, Esq., at 1-877-825-3422.**



Mary K. Foster



Norman J. Pecora '31



# Annual Giving



## A winning case for commitment

**O**ur new courtroom — evidence of greatness: UB Law is one of just a few schools in the country to house a fully functioning courtroom. Our students watch outstanding judges and attorneys in action in O'Brian Hall — a valuable opportunity to see law practiced first hand. This state-of-the-art courtroom accommodates appellate arguments as well as a wide variety of trials, and offers an incomparable practice environment for trial technique and moot court competitions. Alumni giving made this project possible.

### Top-notch student body:

This year, UB Law accepted only 38 percent of applicants. The school continues to educate an unusually diverse, talented and well-qualified student body. Alumni gifts fund our high priority of helping these students fulfill their dreams of obtaining a quality legal education. A significant portion of the Annual Fund is distributed to deserving students through scholarships and loans.

### Nationally renowned clinics:

UB Law's six clinics are models for practical learning and provide an array of sophisticated legal services to nonprofit organizations and to the poor and needy. Alumni support helps the community while providing valuable experience to student participants.

### A reputation for excellence:

UB Law is on the rise, and you play a leading role in our success. Participation in the Annual Fund makes a dramatic difference when national publications rank UB against other schools. Alumni gifts are

used to enhance program areas most pertinent to ranking formulas.

### Distinguished alumni:

UB Law alumni are leading practitioners in nearly every area of the law across the country and around the world. It is our pleasure to provide alumni a variety of benefits, which include class reunions and other special events, as well as volunteer, mentoring and teaching opportunities. Alumni also receive free career counseling, résumé service, job postings, and access to our library services.

### Cutting-edge curriculum:

UB Law's curriculum is one of the nation's most effective because of its smaller class sizes, myriad of course offerings and specialized concentrations. The Law School's 11 academic concentrations, which include such specialties as Finance Transactions and Intellectual Property Law, were recently featured in the *National Jurist* magazine. The Annual Fund provides the resources necessary for the academic program to continually improve.

### Leading the way

The UB Law School is a premier public institution assisted by the State of New York; however, state support now amounts to just 32 percent of the school's annual budget. Tuition and student fees, interest on endowment, and grants make up another 55 percent.

That leaves 13 percent of the Law School's annual budget in the hands of our generous alumni. Without that 13 percent — clearly a monumental component — it would be impossible for the Law School to provide the student support, educational program and infrastructure that keep the school a leader in legal education.

### UB Law School Annual Giving Societies

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\$1,000-\$2,499 (or \$500-\$1,249 for GOLD\* alumni/ae)

### Dean's Club

\$500-\$999 (or \$250-\$499 for GOLD\* alumni/ae)

*\*GOLD alumni/ae are graduates of the last decade (1995 to 2004).*

### Three ways to give

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# Thank you!

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**T**he Law School is pleased to announce that a record-breaking \$718,888 was raised in support of the Annual Fund in 2003-04, exceeding our goal of \$700,000. In addition, our alumni participation rate increased to 24.27 percent — the highest participation rate in the history of the Law School — and 227 individuals, up from 214 last year, gave an annual gift of \$1,000 or more.

The Law School is very grateful for each and every gift that made these accomplishments possible. THANK YOU!

We applaud our Annual Fund Chair Jean C. Powers '79, our dedicated phonathon volunteers, and alumni who assisted in their class reunion giving program.

Appreciation is warmly extended to alumni, friends and others who supported the Law School during the last fiscal year: July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2004. Listed here are individuals, law firms, corporations, foundations and other organizations that made a donation during this time period. Gifts of all types are reported, including gifts to the Annual Fund, specific programs, endowment funds, capital funds, and gifts of cash, gifts-in-kind and appreciated stock.

Please note that contributions made after June 30, 2004, will be included in the report for the current fiscal year (July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005).

If you have any questions or wish to report an inaccuracy, please contact: Jim Newton, Assistant Dean for Development, 409 O'Brien Hall, Buffalo, NY 14260-1100. Phone: (716) 645-6429. Fax: (716) 645-3646. E-mail: jnewton@buffalo.edu

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 James D. Whitney  
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## 1960

**Donors** 11  
**Dollars** \$2,420  
**Participation** 34%  
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## 1961

**Donors** 11  
**Dollars** \$6,550  
**Participation** 25.5%  
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## 1962

**Donors** 14  
**Dollars** \$13,345  
**Participation** 30%  
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## 1963

**Donors** 10  
**Dollars** \$2,150  
**Participation** 28.5%  
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 Jerome D. Carrel  
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## 1965

**Donors** 7  
**Dollars** \$3,321  
**Participation** 14%  
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**Participation** 34%  
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Irving M. Shuman '54 and Peter S. Gilfillan '71.

## 1966

**Donors** 15  
**Dollars** \$3,125  
**Participation** 24%  
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 Paul S. Petronack  
 Richard B. Scott  
 Hon. Dale M. Volker  
 Thomas M. Ward  
 Norman J. Weslow  
 Thomas Whissel

## 1967

**Donors** 16  
**Dollars** \$8,225  
**Participation** 28.5%  
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 Hon. Ronald N. Ranus  
 Brian H. Rhatigan

Paul E. Rudnicki  
 Frederick A. Wolf

## 1968

**Donors** 27  
**Dollars** \$14,200  
**Participation** 36.5%  
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*Jacob D. Hyman Society*  
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## 1970

**Donors** 30  
**Dollars** \$11,087  
**Participation** 29%  
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## 1971

**Donors** 28  
**Dollars** \$57,250  
**Participation** 25%  
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**Donors** 28  
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**Participation** 28%  
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## 1972

**Donors** 48  
**Dollars** \$ 40,690  
**Participation** 27.5%  
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Mark H. Tiernan  
Gerald A. Toner  
Bruce V. Weitzen  
J. Michael Wolf

## 1973

**Donors** 54  
**Dollars** \$17,047  
**Participation** 32%  
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Sally C. Hezel  
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**Dollars** \$21,347  
**Participation** 28%  
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 William F. Savino  
 Raymond J. Stapell  
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**Participation** 29%  
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## 1976

**Donors** 88  
**Dollars** \$52,462  
**Participation** 34%  
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*John Lord O'Brian Society*  
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## 1977

**Donors** 64  
**Dollars** \$55,195  
**Participation** 27%

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## 1978

**Donors** 60  
**Dollars** \$26,811  
**Participation** 24%

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*John Lord O'Brian Society*

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## 1980

**Donors** 79  
**Dollars** \$20,805  
**Participation** 34%

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*John Lord O'Brian Society*

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**Donors** 66  
**Dollars** \$35,277  
**Participation** 28.5%

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# Annual Giving



Stuart A. Gellman '61 leads the tribute at the recently dedicated William J. Casilio '61 Memorial Garden across from John Lord O'Brian Hall. With him are the Casilio family, Dean Nils Olsen and members of the Class of 1961.

## Classmates plant a garden in memory of William J. Casilio '61

“A jewel at the University.” “One of the most enjoyable places to sit on campus.” These are just a few of the many positive comments heard on campus after the recent dedication of the William J. Casilio '61 Memorial Garden, which is situated directly outside John Lord O'Brian Hall on the North Campus.

In January 2004, the Class of 1961, led by Stuart A. Gellman, embarked on a fund drive to erect a memorial garden for one of their deceased classmates, William J. Casilio. Over \$26,000 has been raised to date from family, friends and classmates of Casilio, who passed away in June 2001. In one of the letters Gellman wrote to his class-



Left to right: Barbara D. Casilio and her children Joan Casilio Adams, Julie Anain and William J. Casilio Jr.

mates, he was remembered for “an indomitability of human spirit for which his peers were envious.”

The William J. Casilio Memorial Garden was dedicated on a sunny morning Sept. 12, 2004, in a small ceremony. Joan Casilio Adams '87, daughter of the deceased, spoke on behalf of the Casilio family.

“We are honored to have this garden dedicated to our father,” she said. “This is

awonderfully appropriate tribute to our dad. We are grateful to Stuart Gellman for conceiving the idea and to the Class of 1961 for generously supporting it.”

Following the dedication, classmates and guests were invited into O'Brian Hall for a champagne brunch and tour of the facility by Dean Nils Olsen. For more photos of the garden, see the inside front cover of the *UB Law Forum*.

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### Class of 1981

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David S. Smith  
Mary M. Sullivan  
Joseph P. Sverchek  
John P. Walsh  
Donald A. White  
Arthur B. Williams  
Debra D. Wilson  
Therese Wincott  
Ronald J. Winter  
Leslie Wolfe Berkovits  
Rosemarie A. Wyman

### 1982

<b>Donors</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>Dollars</b>	<b>\$33,427</b>
<b>Participation</b>	<b>24%</b>

*Edwin & Erma Jaeckle Society*  
Ross M. Cellino Jr.  
Michael H. Doran  
Mark K. Suzumoto  
*John Lord O'Brian Society*  
Richard S. Binko  
John P. Feroletto  
Paula L. Feroletto  
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Catharine M. Venzon  
*Jacob D. Hyman Society*  
Michael J. Athans  
Dianne Avery  
Jeffrey P. Crandall  
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Gerard M. Meehan  
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William J. Trask Sr.  
John A. Ziegler

## 1983

**Donors** 85

**Dollars** \$47,527

**Participation** 30.5%

*Edwin & Erma Jockle Society*  
Stephen E. Barnes  
Roger J. Jones  
*John Lord O'Brian Society*  
Brian D. Baird  
*Jacob D. Hyman Society*  
Janice J. DiGennaro

# Annual Fund volunteers 2003-04

**U**B Law surpassed its fund-raising goal thanks to the involvement of many dedicated and committed volunteers. We would like to extend a very special thank you to Jean Powers, Chair of the highly successful 2003-04 Annual Fund. In addition, this year's Annual Fund Leadership Committee was very successful in its efforts to promote the UB Law School Annual Giving Societies by writing personal notes to their peers. Thank you!

We especially salute alumni who participated in the fall phonathon. Many of our loyal donors enjoy hearing from a UB Law graduate once a year and, as a result, make a decision to give generously. Congratulations go to David B. Smith '93, who had the highest number of pledges in a single night, and William F. Savino '75, who raised the highest dollar amount in a single night.

Another group of Annual Fund volunteers who willingly stepped forward are members of classes celebrating reunions in 2004. The Law School has a tradition of special fund-raising efforts supported by classes in honor of their reunion years. As a result, participation in giving to the Annual Fund has increased substantially. We are grateful to all the individuals who helped with their class gift in 2003-04 and extend a special thank you to the reunion appeal letter signatories.

The following alumni were annual fund volunteers during 2003-04:

Nicholas P. Amigone III '74  
Teresa C. Bair '96  
Hilary C. Banker '96  
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## 1985

**Donors** 71  
**Dollars** \$15,503  
**Participation** 27%  
*Edwin & Erma Jaechle Society*  
Stephen J. Schop  
*Jacob D. Hyman Society*  
Hon. Elena Cacavas-Schietinger  
Roland M. Cercone  
Gayle L. Eagan  
Ann Giardina Hess  
Scott P. Mc Bride

## CLASS of 1984 - 20th REUNION

**Donors** 76  
**Dollars** \$12,287  
**Participation** 29%  
*John Lord O'Brian Society*  
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Timothy T. Brock  
*Jacob D. Hyman Society*  
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Eric Turkewitz  
Susan von Arx  
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## 1986

**Donors** 45  
**Dollars** \$6,180  
**Participation** 19%  
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Ross P. Lanzafame  
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# BPILP auction



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Peter R. Scribner  
Victor R. Siclari  
Martin D. Smalline  
Christopher J. Smolka  
Mary E. Virginia  
Candace K. Vogel

## 1987

**Donors** 70  
**Dollars** \$13,715  
**Participation** 24%  
*Edwin & Erma Jaeckle Society*  
Joan Casilio Adams  
*Jacob D. Hyman Society*  
Gerald R. Saffioti Jr.  
Robert P. Simpson  
*Dean's Club*  
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Nancy Decarlo Fabi  
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## Top 10 classes: Gifts received July 1, 2003, to June 30, 2004

Special mention goes to this year's graduating class, 2004, which made the Top Ten

### Participation

1.	1931	100%
2.	1933	50%
3.	1948	43%
4.	1936	40%
5.	1968	36.5%
6.	1979	36%
7.	1960	34%
	1976	34%
	1980	34%
	1964	34%
8.	1938	33%
9.	1973	32%
10.	1954	31%

### Number of contributors

1.	1976	88
2.	1983	85
3.	1979	81
4.	1980	79
5.	1984	76
6.	2004	75
7.	1985	71
8.	1987	70
9.	1981	66
10.	1994	64

### Class giving

1.	1979	115,646
2.	1971	57,250
3.	1977	55,195
4.	1976	52,462
5.	1983	47,527
6.	1959	42,075
7.	1972	40,690
8.	1981	35,277
9.	1936	35,050
10.	1982	33,427



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## 1988

**Donors** 51  
**Dollars** \$4,853  
**Participation** 20%  
*Dean's Club*  
 Julie R. Freudenheim  
 William J. Magavern III

## Law School Annual Fund

### Six-Year Comparison

	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Annual Fund Total	\$514,697	\$566,361	\$619,504	\$656,817	\$680,189	\$718,888
Number of Donors	1,244	1,507	1,694	1,905	1,983	2,156
Alumni Participation	15.8%	18.7%	20.5%	22.5%	23.0%	24.27%
Leadership Giving	113	147	151	169	214	227
\$5,000+	20	19	21	27	37	37
\$2,500 to \$4,999	4	15	16	23	30	37
\$1,000 to \$2,499	89	113	114	119	147	153

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## 1989

**Donors** 45  
**Dollars** \$11,070  
**Participation** 18%  
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 Susan I. Pleskow  
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 Elizabeth A. Deutsch Taffe  
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 Paul D. Weiss

## 1990

**Donors** 42  
**Dollars** \$6,797  
**Participation** 17.5%

*Jacob D. Hyman Society*  
 M. Shakil Rahman  
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 USAF  
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## CLASS of 1994 - 10th REUNION

The class funded an Antonecchia Fellowship in memory of their classmate, Joseph Antonecchia.

**Donors** 64  
**Dollars** \$6,990  
**Participation** 28%

*Jacob D. Hyman Society*  
 Joseph W. Belluck  
 Nadine M. Porter  
 Stephen L. Yonaty  
*Dean's Club*  
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## 1991

**Donors** 45  
**Dollars** \$5,915  
**Participation** 18%

*John Lord O'Brian Society*  
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## 1992

**Donors** 53  
**Dollars** \$7,679  
**Participation** 22.5%

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*Jacob D. Hyman Society*  
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## 1993

**Donors** 43  
**Dollars** \$6,805  
**Participation** 16%

*Jacob D. Hyman Society*  
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*Dean's Club*  
Michael C. Griffen  
Christopher M. Marks  
Jill M. Marks  
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Jennifer Smith  
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## 1995

**Donors** 46  
**Dollars** \$5,255  
**Participation** 20%

*John Lord O'Brian Society*  
Joseph A. Kresse  
*Jacob D. Hyman Society*  
Jeffrey L. Vogel  
*Dean's Club*  
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First row left to right: Sarah A. Filocamo, Robert G. Spampata Jr., Dean Nils Olsen, Casey F. Spencer. Second row: Kevin M. Grossman, Sarah K. Ranni, Laurie A. Batterson, Benjamin D. Moskel.

## GRADUATING CLASS GIFT 2004 CAMPAIGN

**Donors** 75  
**Dollars** \$5000  
**Participation** 29%

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# Class of 2004 creates a legacy to remember

**A**s UB Law School's Class of 2004 said farewell in June, members left behind a thank-you that will make a difference in their former classmates' lives.

With a matching contribution from the school, the graduating class contributed a \$5,000 class gift. It will provide scholarships for second- and third-year students who have demonstrated commitment to the Law School through their extracurricular involvement.

"We wanted to create a scholarship that would be given to a student who gave back to the Law School, not just an academic scholarship," says Casey Spencer '04, who headed the class gift effort under the guidance of Jill Riordan, assistant director for development programs.

The 75 donors to the gift represented a 29 percent participation rate, on a par with previous class gifts.

Planning for the gift campaign began last fall, spearheaded by an eight-person committee of third-year students led by Spencer. A kickoff event in early February invited all 3Ls to 67 West, a watering hole in Buffalo's popular Chippewa Street district. That was followed by a solicitation table in the lobby of O'Brien Hall staffed by committee members. A wrap-up celebration completed the process in April.



Left to right: William B. Ross, Michael Kreag Ferullo, Laura A. Miskell, Aaron D. Skinner, Casey F. Spencer, Michael Benedict.

"I really wanted to do something with the Law School," Spencer, who now practices workers' compensation law with a Rochester, N.Y., law firm, says of her participation. "The thought was to have a positive impact on the Law School. This was our last opportunity to do something."

"I thought it was very successful. Once our classmates start giving, they can see how important that is — not just for the monetary aspect, but to know that there are students out there who are less fortunate than they are and deserve some help."



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Ruthanne Wannop  
James D. Ward  
Mimi Meng Wright

## 1996

**Donors** 43  
**Dollars** \$3,360  
**Participation** 17%

*Dean's Club*  
Judy S. Hernandez  
*Donor*  
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## 1997

**Donors** 49  
**Dollars** \$3,472

## CLASS of 1999 -5th REUNION

**Donors** 49  
**Dollars** \$3,540  
**Participation** 23.5%

### *Jacob D. Hyman Society*

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Mathew P. Duprey  
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Christopher A. Wightman  
Melissa R. Williams  
Mimi M. Wong



Left to right: Dean Nils Olsen, UB President John B. Simpson and Christopher T. Greene '74

**Participation** 20%

*Jacob D. Hyman Society*  
Marla K. Babat-Yonaty  
Katherine Gorham

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Caroline A. Wojtaszek

## 1998

**Donors** 45  
**Dollars** \$3,103  
**Participation** 17%

### *Jacob D. Hyman Society*

Mickey H. Osterreicher  
*Dean's Club*  
Peter C. Trimarchi

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## 2000

**Donors** 32  
**Dollars** \$2,027  
**Participation** 16%

*Dean's Club*  
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 Rajni A. Narasi  
*Donor*  
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## 2001

**Donors** 38  
**Dollars** \$2,252  
**Participation** 18%

*Donor*  
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 Benz  
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## 2002

**Donors** 30  
**Dollars** \$1,948  
**Participation** 12%

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**Donors** 28  
**Dollars** \$1,240  
**Participation** 11%

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# Scholarships

## Greiner Scholarship Fund established in the Law School to honor UB's 13th president

**T**he William R. Greiner Scholarship Fund has been newly established in the University at Buffalo Law School to honor UB's 13th president, who retired as UB's chief executive officer at the end of last December.

To date, nearly \$225,000 has been raised for the fund, which will support an endowment for a full-tuition scholarship to the UB Law School for a meritorious student who exemplifies leadership ability, dedication to public service and commitment to the Western New York community as a whole, according to Nils Olsen, dean of the UB Law School, and Jennifer A. McDonough, UB vice president for university advancement. Establishment of the fund was announced at the UB Alumni Association's Celebration of Excellence Awards Dinner held at the Buffalo/Niagara Marriott.

The announcement came as a surprise to Greiner and his wife, Carol, who were at the dinner to receive the Dr. Philip B. Wels Outstanding Service Award, given to individuals who exemplify outstanding long-term service and dedication to UB.

Greiner's 36-year affiliation with the university began in 1967 when he joined the faculty of the UB Law School. He served for seven years as the university's first provost before his appointment as president in 1991. He plans to return to the Law School's faculty this fall where he will co-teach a course on Buffalo's fiscal crisis with Nils Olsen and James Magavern.

The fund was created as a result of discussions between Olsen and McDonough focusing on a lasting and special tribute to recognize Greiner and his contributions to UB. Olsen said the scholar-



ship will focus on one of Greiner's greatest priorities during his tenure as both provost and president: UB students.

"Professor Greiner has always been driven by his dedication to the students of the university, and he led the way to many changes at UB that greatly improved the lives of students both on and off campus," Olsen said. "After examining this legacy of his, the next step — establishing a scholarship in his honor — was a natural."

McDonough said she is impressed by the notable group of donors who have stepped forward early to give to the scholarship fund. "We wanted to keep the scholarship fund a secret so it would be a special surprise for Bill. Those very generous early donors made gifts from their hearts as will many others who carry strong affection, gratitude and respect for our 13th president, now that the fund is open for additional contributions," McDonough added.

Reginald B. Newman, II, chair of the University at Buffalo Foundation's board of trustees and chair of NOCO Energy

Corp., is the lead donor to the Greiner Scholarship Fund, having personally committed \$100,000. Newman said he gave in admiration of Greiner and is confident that others will follow suit.

"I can't express enough how pleased and proud I was of Professor Greiner for building the new student housing program at UB, which was perhaps his greatest accomplishment as president," Newman said.

Other donors contributing \$10,000 or more to the fund to date include Joseph W. Carosella (J.D. '72, B.A. '70), Lawrence P. and Joan J. Castellani, Erma R. Hallett Jaekle (J.D. '36), Francis M. (J.D. '79) and Cindy Abbott Letro, Hodgson Russ LLP and the Seymour H. Knox Foundation.

In May 2003, UB awarded its highest award, the Chancellor Charles P. Norton Medal, given for service to the university and the region, to Greiner during commencement ceremonies. At that time, UB Council Chair Jeremy M. Jacobs remarked that Greiner's "outstanding leadership has ensured UB's place among the nation's best public research universities, and his passionate advocacy for Buffalo Niagara has led directly to increased opportunities for greater regional economic development."

"Bill's countless accomplishments and wise stewardship have positioned UB well for the future," Jacobs added. "The university community has truly been fortunate to have had the benefit of his service over more than three decades."

One of Greiner's first assignments when he returns to the Law School will be helping to inform the criteria for recipients of the William R. Greiner Scholarship. "No doubt it will be an assignment that he will enjoy," said Olsen.



# Scholarship awards help our students

The following scholarships were awarded in the academic year 2003-04 by generous alumni and friends. Their gifts enable our law students to pursue their goal of graduating from Law School, and help the School retain worthy students regardless of their current financial status.

We are grateful to our benefactors for allowing us to provide a legal education to many talented, hard-working students who would not have had the opportunity to enroll in law school were it not for their generosity.

## **Varkis A. Baligian and Hon. Jacqueline M.**

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Dana L. Rappa '06

Jason R. Womer '06

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Randa R. Hill '04

Joshua Korman '05

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## Terry Flynn '88 to lead UB Law Alumni 2004-05



**T**errance P. Flynn, a partner with the Buffalo law firm of Gibson, McAskill & Crosby, LLP, has been elected president of the UB Law Alumni Association for 2004-05. Mr. Flynn was formerly a legislative aide to Assemblyman Richard C. Wesley, who is presently an associate justice of the United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit. A graduate of the University of Notre Dame and the University at Buffalo Law School, he was employed as an associate with the law firms of Saperston & Day, P.C., and Kavinoky & Cook, LLP.

He is currently a member of the Special Committee for Mass Disaster Response of the New York State Bar Association. Previously Mr. Flynn was co-chairman for three years of the Young Lawyers and General Solicitation Divisions of the Erie County Bar Foundation's annual campaign and has also served for several years in the Legal Division of the United Way. He was a member of the board of directors of Friends to the Elderly Youth and Family Center and the Western New York chapter of the University of Notre Dame Alumni Association. Mr. Flynn also has been an active



volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House.

Elected for the coming year is Hon. John M. Curran '84, of New York State Supreme Court, as president elect. Vice presidents are: Hon. Amy J. Fricano '81, New York State Supreme Court; James M. Gerlach '97, of Cellino & Barnes, P.C.; Terrence A. Greiner '87, of Greiner & Chadsey; and Margaret P. Gryko '77, of Delaware North Cos. Inc.

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## New York alumni hear appeals justice Wesley

**U**B Law School's biggest alumni chapter outside upstate New York came out in force Jan. 30 for the increasingly popular New York Alumni Luncheon. Held in the tony Union League Club, the event featured an address by Richard C. Wesley, justice of the U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit.

Wesley's connection with the school is a most personal one: His daughter Sarah is a current UB Law student.

And it was from that dual perspective

— as a jurist and a father — that Wesley spoke of UB Law's mission as New York State's only public law school.

"Why is it that people choose the University at Buffalo?" he asked. "Some of you grew up in Buffalo, some of you are from Western New York, some of you want to be closer to home, but some of you came here because of cost and quality. You were able to obtain a high-quality legal education without going bankrupt. The choice is between \$17,000 a year and \$37,000 a year. The choice is between mortgaging your life and hav-

ing choices in life. The choice for many people is having any choice at all."

He said his daughter's experience as a student reflects some of the changes that have taken place in the profession since he went through his own legal training in the early 1970s.

"When I entered the Cornell Law School, there were seven women in a class of 150," Wesley said. "In one generation, from mine to my daughter's, women now occupy more than 50 percent of the law school entrants at many law schools. It is unbelievable to me that



we were a profession, at the time when I entered it, that did not give women a fair shake."

In addition, he said, Sarah did what an increasing number of new law students are doing – she entered law school after working for a time after college, in her case in a prosecutor's office working with crime victims.

"It is right that we should have publicly funded higher education in the

A 1974 graduate of Cornell Law School, Judge Wesley first joined the law firm of Harris, Beach & Wilcox, then joined Welch, Streb and Porter where he became a partner in 1977. In 1979, Wesley was appointed assistant counsel to Assembly Republican Leader James L. Emery. For the next four years, he managed Assemblyman Emery's legislative programs, con-

In 1994, Gov. Mario Cuomo appointed Judge Wesley to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court for the Fourth Department. Gov. George Pataki then nominated Judge Wesley to the Court of Appeals, and he was confirmed by a unanimous vote of the New York State Senate in January 1997. On March 5, 2003, President Bush nominated Wesley to the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals.

Vice Dean Alan S. Carrel updated the school's New York City alumni on recent developments at the Law School, saying that major strides in quality have come about largely through the efforts of Dean Nils Olsen Jr. and with the support of the alumni.

"The alumni are really why we have been able to accomplish what we have been able to accomplish," Carrel said. "A law school program of this quality, with strong faculty, extensive course selection, upgraded technology and small class sizes, is expensive to provide. The state's contribution does not come close to allowing us to provide many of these things. It is the \$700,000 that you are contributing annually to the Law School, and the \$12 million that we raised recently in our capital campaign, that are really allowing us to do what we are doing."

Among the key points of progress Carrel pointed to were "a rigorous and highly effective Research and Writing curriculum"; January bridge courses "taught by giants in the profession"; a working courtroom that "distinguishes us from every other law school in the country"; and a heightened emphasis on recruiting quality students, resulting in a 40 percent increase in applications last year.

"I love walking out of my office and talking to students," Carrel said. "I ask them how they are doing at the Law School. They are so happy there, and they cannot talk enough about the things that are happening. Everyone seems to think they are part of a very good law school that is just getting better."



Law Alumni Association President Terrance P. Flynn '88 and Hon. Julio M. Fuentes '75, U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit, converse at the New York City luncheon.

law," said Wesley, who was a New York State Court of Appeals judge before being elevated to the federal bench last year. "It is right because so many of us come from humble backgrounds and the public university is the only pathway upward. It is right that the University at Buffalo Law School should maintain its commitment to all New Yorkers, whether they be black or white or Latino, of all colors. There is room in the inn for all of us."

"But right now there is truly only one door. And so as we sit on Park Avenue in Manhattan, the greatest city in the world in what I think is the greatest state in the world, let us take pride in the fact that the University at Buffalo has fulfilled its responsibility. Let us take pride in the fact that you – and now I, through my daughter – will share a commitment to excellence and a commitment to availability that should never be wavered from."

stituent services and district office. In 1982, Wesley was elected to the New York State Assembly for the 136th Assembly District, and was re-elected in 1984 without opposition.

In 1986, he was elected to a 14-year term as a justice of the Supreme Court, in the Seventh Judicial District, which includes all of Monroe, Wayne, Livingston, Ontario, Seneca, Cayuga, Steuben and Yates Counties. In 1988, Wesley set up the Trial Assistance Part that provided additional trial parts in Supreme Court in Monroe County to reduce the backlog of cases that had developed. Judge Wesley has also served as the Administrator of the Judicial Hearing Officer Program in the Seventh Judicial District.

In January of 1991, he was appointed supervising judge of the criminal courts in the Seventh Judicial District, overseeing the operation of 280 criminal courts in an eight-county area.



# Alumni Association

28th annual  
alumni  
convocation  
looks at  
cross-border  
trade and the  
state of the  
control board



Richard M. Tobe '74

**W**ith the innovation of "real-time CLE" – continuing legal education certificates available the same day – UB Law's 28th annual Convocation took on the issues of cross-border trade and the plight of the City of Buffalo. The Nov. 15 event, titled "BUFFALO:

CITY ON THE EDGE," addressed legal and ethical issues facing business in the Niagara Frontier, as well as the state control board that currently oversees Buffalo's finances.

Sponsored by the UB Law Alumni Association and the Law School, the program was followed by a luncheon at which SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor Kenneth A. Joyce was presented the school's highest honor, the Edwin F. Jaeckle Award.

Adjunct Associate Professor **Amy Deen Westbrook** began the first segment with a discussion of issues involved in doing business across international borders, with particular focus on the North American Free Trade Agreement, the world's largest free-trade pact.

She noted that in the 10 years since NAFTA was implemented, cross-border investment has continued to grow. Annual U.S. investment in Canada is \$140 billion, and Canadian investment in the United States is \$90 billion.

Westbrook also described the treaty's mechanism for resolving disputes among trading partners, citing as one example complaints by U.S. companies against Canada as the result of Canadian environmental regulations. "Companies can take the government to arbitration, alleging the environmental regulations were discriminatory and

expropriated the U.S. company's investment," she said.

Such requests for arbitration, she said, mean "NAFTA countries are pretty cautious right now about putting in place a regulation, even an environmental one, that is going to affect foreign investors."

Discussing employment and human resources issues for cross-border hiring was **Rosanna Berardi '97**, an immigration lawyer at Hodgson Russ, LLP. "In this specific climate, it is not a good time to mess around," Berardi said. "It is really critical and important for attorneys and employers to make sure any foreign national who is coming to the U.S., whether it is one time only for a business meeting or to come here permanently, is properly documented. The government is under tremendous pressure to enforce the immigration laws."

Berardi detailed the mechanisms by which Canadian citizens are approved for working in the United States. For example, "intercompany transferees" are employees of a Canadian business seeking to expand into the States. "You need to show that your businesses are





James L. Magavern '59

affiliated, that you have rented sufficient office space and that you are a manager," she listed.

As for the fabled "green card" – which, Berardi said, now is actually a tint of pink – the easiest way to get one is to marry a U.S. citizen. Or, she said, "it requires an employer to sponsor you, and in many cases to prove that there are no U.S. citizens who can do your job, which is incredibly difficult in this economic climate." There is also a "green card lottery"; and finally, a foreign national can get a green card by investing at least \$1 million in the United States and promising to create at least 10 jobs.

**A**ttorney **Rodney O. Personius '76** next discussed criminal statutes governing cross-border business activities. "This is a growing area of attention by the government," he said. "There is an aura of suspicion that attaches to anything that happens at the border."

After 9/11, he said, "the use of old statutes has been increased, and new statutes have been created." For exam-

ple, under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act the president has the authority to control exports to and imports from a designated country as

well as financial transactions with that country. Additionally, "transshipment rules" restrict certain exports so that manufacturers cannot "get around a prohibition of an export to Iran, for example, by sending the product through Canada first."

Personius reminded the audience of U.S. laws related to money laundering. It is not illegal to bring more than \$10,000 in currency into or out of the United States, he said, "but it is illegal to fail to report it, it is illegal to structure a transaction to get around it, it is also illegal to try to conceal the fact that you are transporting more than \$10,000 in currency."

In conclusion, he listed countries of concern for future dealings: "If you have

a client that hints to you that he or she is dealing with these countries, it raises a red flag," he said: Afghanistan, Belarus, Burma, China, Cuba, Congo, Haiti, Iran, Iraq, Liberia, Libya, North Korea, Rwanda, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Vietnam.

Concluding the part of the program dealing with cross-border issues, **Joyce Cavanagh-Wood**, immigration program manager for Citizenship and Immigration Canada's Regional Programme Centre (RPC) in Buffalo, discussed issues related to sending employees to Canada. She said her office processes about 20,000 such cases annually for permanent residents and 16,000 for temporary admission.

Every year, she said, there are about 90 million crossings at the Canada-U.S. border, and every traveler is subject to examination. "The border represents a unique opportunity on both sides to confirm the identity and intentions of travelers and to determine whether there are elements in a person's past that might have a bearing on public safety and security," she said.

Tourists and visitors can enter Canada with a minimum of formality and documentation, she said. But "those with criminal records are being asked

questions they were never before asked. When the discovery is made that they are inadmissible for a crime committed long ago and which they consider minor, they tend to be surprised, vexed and sometimes belligerent. Under Canadian immigration legislation, foreigners who have been convicted of a criminal offense at home or abroad, or who have committed a criminal act outside Canada, may be denied entry." That includes impaired driving, which, she said, in Cana-

da is "considered a serious criminal offense."

People who are denied entry into Canada, she said, can apply for a tem-



Convocation chair David G. Brock '72.

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porary permit or a permanent status called rehabilitation. And she cited her agency's Web site, [www.buffalogc.ca](http://www.buffalogc.ca) as a source of comprehensive information.

**T**he second part of the Convocation program dealt with the Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority and the city's economic future.

**James L. Magavern '59**, a partner in Magavern, Magavern and Grimm, LLP, discussing the nature and origins of Buffalo's fiscal crisis, argued that "the nature of the problem has been misrepresented by the assumptions of the legislation creating the board and the predominant public rhetoric."

Those assumptions, he said, include "a weakened economy, population decline and job losses compounded by a nationwide recession." Those factors are inarguable. But he took issue with the idea that structural imbalance in the city's finances, and the city's increasing reliance on annual increases in state aid, are significant causes of its problems.

"This formulation of the problem deflects attention from the real sources of the problem and the place we should be looking to to achieve real remedies, and that is state law and state policy," he said. "It deflects attention from the need to look at what state government is doing and not doing right."

In 1972, he said, the city (excluding its school district) had a population of 440,000 people and 6,665 employees. Today, with a population of 293,000, it has fewer than 3,000 employees. "So the argument that the municipal government has not shrunk along with the population is simply not true."

Magavern pointed to the state's imposition of Medicaid costs on local mu-

nicipalities; what he called the "relatively low level of state assistance to education" except in Buffalo; growing pension and fringe benefit costs that are largely determined by state law; and "collective bargaining rules the state has imposed which make it very difficult for the localities to bargain effectively with their unions."

And he argued that increases in state aid to Buffalo have been in line with those granted to other New York cities. "This has been a progressive change and a proper one," he said. "The property tax cannot support the cost of government anymore."

**Richard M. Tobe '74**, a member of the fiscal control board, noted the severe hit the city's tax base has taken: "Buffalo's tax base, particularly its industrially driven tax base, has almost disappeared. The manufacturing sector, which pays far more in taxes than it uses in services, has been particularly hard-hit."

In 1998-99, he said, the combined value of all property in the city – residential, commercial and industrial – was \$8.12 billion. In 2002-03 it had fallen to \$5.28 billion, "a decline of just epic proportions." Also, he noted, more than two-thirds of the city's residential properties pay less than \$1,000 a year in taxes.

Tobe, who worked in Albany for 13 years as chief aide to the late Assemblyman Bill Hoyt, said that on the state level, "One of the things that has happened is that the reserves of good will that used to exist for Buffalo have been consumed. It used to be pretty easy to get a little more aid for Buffalo. It just ended, in a way that seems so harsh. The rhetoric from Al-

bany and even here in our business community has turned from sympathetic to cold and callous.

"There has been an accumulation of peeves that has grown to a very great level. It is compounded by this public perception locally that Buffalo has done nothing to help itself. It just is not true."

**Michael B. Risman**

'79, City of Buffalo corporation counsel, noted the difficulties of the much-touted push toward streamlining services through consolidation between governments.

"You have many, many layers of government: highway superintendents, villages, towns, school districts, sewer districts," he said. "There are seven school districts in Cheektowaga; there are five in various parts of Amherst." All of these

entities, he said, have their own bodies of law to be worked through.

As for privatization – turning over some municipal functions to private companies – Risman called it "a very difficult thing. I think some in the community think we should sell off the garbage collection duties," he said. "If we didn't have a Taylor Law (governing municipal employees) and didn't have the Public Employment Relations Board, that would not be a problem."

He also cited the Triborough law, which says that when a union contract expires, all the benefits stay the same until a new contract is in place. "It means that you do not have the leverage; in fact, the unions have the leverage," he said. "The police and fire departments have no interest in negotiating with us because they know they can get a better deal through arbitration."

Risman concluded, "I am extremely concerned about the future of the city. With the wage freeze, I think you are going to see a lot of good career employees of the city leave because they cannot live with no wage increases for



Sean P. Beiter '91



Michael B. Risman '79





A standing-room-only crowd came to hear experts discuss the Buffalo control board.

four years. We are seeing a lot of people leave city government because of the uncertainty of our financial situation."

The final speaker, Jaekle, Fleischmann partner **Sean P. Beiter '91**, has represented the city in arbitration under the Taylor Law and was part of the negotiations that produced the groundbreaking current city police contract.

"Taking over the representation of public employers is kind of akin to being given command of the Titanic after it hit the iceberg," he said. "There is a lot of significant damage that has already been done, but you can screw things up very dramatically quickly. There are a lot of critical issues that need to be addressed, and no matter what you do it looks like there might not be enough lifeboats to save everybody."

He echoed Risman's concerns about the Triborough law and how it ham-

strings union negotiations: "The employer cannot impose a contract that takes away benefits. There are actually unions across the state that are looking at health insurance and saying the increases in health insurance are outpacing the raises that unions are getting. We are better off taking a zero increase in pay and keeping our health insurance."

**A**bout the police contract, Beiter noted that some critics wondered why the city needed to bargain for the right to downsize the force. "The union has a right to request impact negotiations over such reductions," he said. "They can argue that layoffs increase the hazards to officers on the street, so they can go back to interest arbitration and ask for more money. In Jamestown, an interest arbitrator agreed with the union and gave

them another raise on top of their current contract."

Similarly, Buffalo has announced it will close some fire companies, and it has received a request to enter interest arbitrations on the hazard issue.



# Alumni Association

## HONORS APLENTY

*Professor Ken Joyce accepts the Jaeckle Award*

A professor who is a perennial favorite of his students – and who came to his specialty, tax law, almost by accident – has received UB Law School's highest honor.

The Jaeckle Award, given by the Law School and the UB Law Alumni Association, was presented to Professor Kenneth F. Joyce at a laughter-filled luncheon Nov. 15, 2003. A standing ovation greeted the presentation, from an audience that included many past and current faculty colleagues and many of the (by one estimate) more than 12,000 students Joyce has taught during nearly 40 years at the Law School.

Mixed with jibes at the Boston-reared professor's beloved Red Sox were words of respect, affection and appreciation for his service in teaching and service.

"Ken is one of those rare people that you admire, respect, emulate and just plain love," said Denise E. O'Donnell '82, president of the Law Alumni Association. "From the moment he walks in a classroom, he lights up the room and fills every minute with great ideas, stimulates the minds of everyone present, and somehow manages to throw in a little humor in the meantime."

Law School Dean Nils Olsen spoke of the process that led to Joyce's being named a SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor, saying this statement from a 1978 graduate was typical: "I now know that he is so effective because of the enormous amount of time and energy he puts into preparing his classes."

As well, Olsen said, "I would like to highlight his flexibility. Ken has developed completely new courses. For instance, he developed and perfected a clinical seminar on the law revision activities he was supervising in his public service role" as executive director, from 1984 to 2000, of the New York State Law Revision Commission.

"He has been an enthusiastic participant in trying to expand our curriculum to integrate our Letro Courtroom into the



substantive instruction in the Law School," Olsen said. For example, he said, Joyce co-taught a course on guardianship proceedings that involved hearings in the Law School's first-floor working courtroom. Students also had the chance in that course to discuss the guardianship law with Joyce, the author of significant changes in those state statutes.

"He has really shown just remarkable flexibility and innovation," Olsen said.

Professor William R. Greiner, who taught alongside Joyce in the Law School before his move into University administration, said, "Like so many others, I am a student of Ken Joyce's. I had great mentors when I came to the Law School: Nils Olsen, Jim Atleson, Lou Del Cotto, Jack Hyman, Wade Newhouse, Jim Magavern. But Ken Joyce was one of my best

teachers."

Greiner spoke of the "fascinating hall conversations" he and Joyce would have, talks that "ran on at great length."

"He really is a teacher's teacher," said Greiner, who has returned to the Law School after serving as the University's 13th president. "I think all of us at the Law School have learned from him. We benefit from each other; we are a community of scholars. And Ken is not just a great teacher of law students and lawyers, he is a great teacher of law faculty."

In accepting the Jaeckle Award from Greiner, Joyce recognized his fellow faculty in the audience and two students from the first UB Law class he taught, in 1964. He also acknowledged his children, Mary and Michael, 1990 and 1991 graduates of UB Law, respectively; and his wife, Rita Joyce, who taught autistic children for many years and continues to be extensively involved in autistic services.

His voice still reflecting the flat a's of his native Boston, he recalled with a laugh first being asked if he had thought about interviewing at Buffalo: "I said – and I am not kidding you – where is Buffalo?" He remembered his \$9,900 starting salary, and his "office" in "the so-called faculty lounge."

He said the four defining aspects of his tenure at UB Law School – its location in Buffalo, his work on law reforms, his teaching in wills and trusts, and his specialization in tax law – came to him entirely unplanned. He had planned to teach administrative law at UB – but pressing needs and serendipitous encounters with other faculty led him into the areas that have become his trademark.

Joyce cited two keys to his success as a teacher: "Attention to detail, and respect for students as human beings. My role model in that has been Rita, for 50 years." And he closed by citing the Gospel of Luke: "To whom much has been given, much will be required."





SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor Kenneth F. Joyce and wife Rita with Professor William R. Greiner, who presented the award.



Law Alumni Association President Denise E. O'Donnell '82 presides at the Jaeckle Award luncheon.



Professor Joyce enjoys a laugh with Professor Greiner.



# Alumni Association



Matthew J. Murphy III



Jean C. Powers '79



Eric D. Lindauer '81

## GETTING THEIR DUE

*Six named as winners of  
2004 Distinguished Alumni Awards*

**F**ive UB Law School alumni and a distinguished non-alumnus had their moment in the spotlight as they were named winners of the school's 2004 Distinguished Alumni Awards. The presentations were made April 28 at the Law School's 42nd Annual Meeting and Dinner, an event chaired by Terrence A. Greiner '87 and Hon. Erin M. Peradotto '84. Denise E. O'Donnell '82, president of the UB Law Alumni Association, and Terrance P. Flynn '88, the association's president-elect, were the presenters.

The dinner included recognition of members of the Class of 1944 in attendance as part of their 60th anniversary celebration, and members of the Class of 1954, celebrating their 50th anniversary.

The Distinguished Alumni Awards, established in 1963, honor service to the profession and the community, and are given in six categories.

For service by a non-alumnus, the award went to **Matthew J. Murphy III**, longtime district attorney of Niagara County, N.Y., whom O'Donnell called "a man of integrity, good judgment and a commitment to justice." She noted that Murphy is "a great friend of the Law School" and a strong proponent of the school's Family Violence Clinic.

Murphy said he has come to respect the UB Law School graduates with whom he works in the legal community.

"Western New York is filled with people who first learned to love and respect the law at UB Law," he says. "A UB lawyer is smart, but not arrogant; hard-working, but remembers the importance of family and friends; thoughtful, but not obtuse; considerate of opposing counsel, but passionate about a client's interest; and articulate, but never verbose."

And on top of that, he said, "I have learned that UB lawyers are just so damned dependable."

Flynn presented the next award, for community service, to **Jean C. Powers '79**, a partner in the Buffalo law firm Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugal. He noted that Powers has served for five years on the Dean's Advisory Council at the Law School; is a director of the Erie County Bar Foundation and the Volunteer Lawyers Project; and is on the board of

trustees of Trocaire College and the University at Buffalo Foundation. Powers is also a past president of both the UB Law Alumni Association and the University at Buffalo Alumni Association.

In accepting the award, Powers thanked her family: her parents, who "taught me by example and by words to value and respect and assist others and to engage actively in the community"; her husband, Kevin, who "never complained about the many hours I spent away from home while at school"; and her daughter, "who spent a good portion of her childhood coloring in the Law Library. She spent a lot of time reading in the *Law Review* office, too."

Powers said of UB Law, "If I had applied to a hundred law schools, I could not have received a finer education or been instructed by a more talented or caring faculty, or had a closer, more collegial, more caring group of fellow students." She accepted the award "in recognition of everybody in our lives who have made our achievements possible and of the organizations and institutions that we serve, because truly that is what this award is all about, our joint commitment to the community."





Oliver C. Young '80



Dianne Bennett '75



Hon. Eugene F. Pigott Jr. '73

**Eric D. Lindauer '81**, who received the award for business achievements, concentrates his practice at the New York City law firm Sullivan & Cromwell in banking and finance. O'Donnell called him "one of the most brilliant people I know. It was a rare day in the early 1980s when one did not find Eric leading a study group or tutoring a struggling law student on a difficult case or legal theory."

An early and active member of the Dean's Advisory Council, Lindauer "is proof that UB Law School is a great public law school which makes it possible for students to reach the heights of the legal profession," O'Donnell said.

For his part, Lindauer said of his Law School experience: "Now, with the benefit of enlightened hindsight, it's clear that at UB I learned well not only how to think like a lawyer but to be a good colleague, to ask and answer difficult questions, to solve client problems in efficient and creative ways, and to contribute to the greater good of the community."

**H**e also cited the school's continuing development, including the dramatic expansion of its clinical programs, increased legal concentrations, the availability of interdisciplinary degrees and other curriculum initiatives. "The Law School," he said, "has worked hard to move out ahead of the curve in adjusting and continuing to adjust its instructional model to meet many of the goals for the 21st century outlined by the ABA's Task Force on Law Schools

and the Legal Profession."

In his career, **Oliver C. Young '80** is principal court attorney and matrimonial referee for the New York State Supreme Court's 8th Judicial District. But "it is his service to the public beyond the legal profession that is truly remarkable," Flynn said in his introduction in awarding the honor for public service. Young has long been active with the Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers, where he is on the Board of Advisors and is a past board president.

Before an audience of lawyers, Young cited advances in the Supreme Court's operations. "We have tried over the years to be of service to lawyers who call on the department for assistance, whether you are a senior partner at a law firm or an inmate at Attica," he said. "We try to minimize the frustration sometimes inherent in dealing with a large bureaucracy like the court system."

"The consummate professional" is how O'Donnell referred to **Dianne Bennett '75**, recently retired board chairman of the Buffalo law firm Hodgson Russ and the honoree for private practice. "Lawyer, client advocate, manager, marketer, visionary, community leader—Dianne is all of these things and much more. She understands the complex business dynamics of private legal practice better than anyone I know."

"Dianne stands for all that it means to be a client-centered attorney. A client who has Dianne for a lawyer has a powerful advocate, a caring friend, someone who is always looking out for their best interests no matter what. But she above

all she stands for the belief that to excel in private practice is to excel as a community leader."

Bennett recalled the adventure, in 1972, of driving from Fredonia to Buffalo — "in my VW Beetle with holes in the floor so I could see the Thruway" — to enter the Law School at its old downtown location. "UB Law School was the best educational experience of my life," she said. "The teachers really cared. They looked behind the law; they looked at what constructs make up the law. It was not the answers, it was the questions that were important. They really taught you how to think."

"I am so proud to be a lawyer. I think it is a remarkable profession, a wonderful profession."

The award-winner for the judiciary was **Hon. Eugene F. Pigott Jr. '73**, presiding justice of the New York State Supreme Court's Appellate Division, Fourth Department. Flynn cited his "on-going efforts to promote our law school and its unique courtroom," O'Brian Hall's Francis M. Letro Courtroom, to which Pigott brought the first appellate trial.

Citing a list of judges produced by UB Law School, including a number of female jurists, Pigott said, "It is truly a remarkable hall of fame that the Law School has given us."

He also turned the tables with an award of his own, presenting a plaque of appreciation to Vice Dean Alan S. Carrel from the Fourth Department in honor of Carrel's service as a member of the Continuing Legal Education board.



# Alumni Association

## We're taking our show on the road!



Mason P. Ashe '89 chats with Associate Dean for Admissions Lillie Wiley-Upshaw.

**"I**t's all about making a legal connection and building our UB Law alumni network," says Law Alumni Association Executive Director Ilene Fleischmann. The UB Law Alumni Association has responded to the request of our alumni to offer more events throughout the United States by visiting several different cities where there are significant concentrations of Law School alumni. Our most recent regional outreach has included events in Rochester, Syracuse, New York City and Washington, D.C. Future events include networking parties in San Francisco, Boston, Atlanta and New York. Please visit the UB Law Web site at [www.law.buffalo.edu](http://www.law.buffalo.edu) for updated events and more.

### A snapshot of our law alumni event diary

#### **Rochester, N.Y. — Rochester reception for newly admitted attorneys May 12, 2004**

This annual event hosted by Michael R. Wolford '68, of Wolford & Leclair, LLP was held this year at The Crowne Plaza Hotel. Twenty-four UB Law graduates newly admitted to practice in the Rochester area were recognized for their accomplishments. Dean Nils Olsen, Executive Director Ilene

a renovated former federal post office located across the street from Union Station. Mason P. Ashe, a 1989 UB law graduate and co-owner of Strickland and Ashe, a sports management and entertainment company, was the featured speaker. He spoke briefly about his career and how his educational experience at UB Law School provided a foundation for his success. The attendees included UB Law graduates and law students interning in Washington for the summer.

R. Fleischmann, Law Alumni President Denise E. O'Donnell '82 and Administrative Judge Thomas Van Strydonck '73 gave welcome remarks.

#### **Syracuse, N.Y. — Networking event May 21, 2004**

This energized reception was held at P.J. Dorsey's Bar & Grill in the historic Armory Square District of downtown Syracuse. Invitations were extended to current law students who live in the area as well as newly admitted students slated to attend UB Law in the fall. The event was a success and we credit the assistance and initiative of Gregory Mattacola '98, of Utica, who is a former president of the UB Law GOLD Group (Graduates of the Last Decade), for his school spirit and dedication. In attendance from the Law School were Executive Director Ilene Fleischmann and former Regional Events Coordinator Jennifer Parker '84.

#### **Washington, D.C. — Networking event July 30, 2004**

Washington, D.C., on a sunny, but not too humid day, was an excellent backdrop for our Washington social. The event was held in a private room at the Capitol City Brewing Company,



*"I had a ball! Thanks for giving me the chance to share my thoughts."*

— Mason P. Ashe '89

*"I think the program was well done and had a great showing. Please let me know if you need assistance with events in the future."*

— Suzanne Hill '01

#### **New York City – Networking event Sept. 10, 2004**

Kevin & James Bar and Restaurant, located in the heart of Times Square, was the hot spot for a successful and entertaining evening of enjoying great food, drinks and network-



A prospective student and  
Marin E. Gibson '93, right.

*"The happy hour was an ideal way to reconnect with friends and the Law School! I never realized just how many alumni lived or practiced in the New York City area. It is comforting to know how far the Law School community extends."*

— Amy Weiswasser '02

*"It was a lot of fun reconnecting with old friends in an after-work happy hour setting."*

— David Grover '94

ing. UB Law Alumni Association President Terrence Flynn '88, and Associate Dean of Admissions Lilly Wiley-Upshaw, welcomed graduates and provided a brief overview and updates of the Law School. Amy Weiswasser '02 graciously assisted the Alumni Association by greeting guest and helping with registration. The attendees included UB Law alumni, current law students who were interviewing in New York City and invited prospective students.



Left to right: Amy Weiswasser '02, Director of Recruitment  
Melissa Fruscione '02 and Karema T. Page '04.

#### **More than just a social event**

**R**egional events are vital as outreach to our alumni who live outside of Western New York. According to Executive Director Ilene Fleischmann, the collaboration with the Admissions, Development and Career Services offices in the Law School has been instrumental in accomplishing the following goals:

- To showcase the Law School in a progressive and positive light.
- To encourage the connection of UB Law graduates.
- To tap into a valuable career and social network for UB Law Students.

"We are definitely on the right track. There have been so many positive responses from our alumni, current law students and prospective students. We appreciate all the assistance that our alumni have extended in planning and helping with events. Our success depends on teamwork. The Law Alumni Association looks forward to planning more events and welcomes your energy, ideas and participation.

"Hope to see you at the next event!" says Fleischmann.

For more information or to volunteer, e-mail Ilene Fleischmann at [fleisch@buffalo.edu](mailto:fleisch@buffalo.edu).



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## 50+ Luncheon

The Law School has expanded its reunion program to introduce the University at Buffalo Law School's first Golden Gathering — a 50+ Reunion Luncheon.

Alumni past their 50th reunion gather together for this new annual event to celebrate the past and their many accomplishments as attorneys and counselors at law. Over 30 alumni and guests joined Dean Nils Olsen as this wonderful tradition was launched on Aug. 18, 2004. Former dean and professor Jacob D. Hyman joined the festivities, which took place in the Law School Library Reading Room in John Lord O'Brian Hall. In addition to lunch, Dean Olsen briefed guests on new developments at the Law School and led a tour of the building.

**First row seated:** Professor Jacob D. Hyman, Hon. J. Douglas Trost '37, George R. Blair Sr. '38, Dorothy F. Murphy '51, Hon. Mary K. Carr '52, Norman J. Pecora '31.

**Second row, left to right:** Anthony J. Spann '52, Victor C. Silverstein '54, Eugene D. Swenson '53, Phyllis H. Wilkinson '52, Wells E. Knibloe '50.

**Third row, left to right:** Richard Lipsitz '43, Ralph L. Halpern '53, George R. Blair Jr. '74, Hon. Joseph J. Sedita '50.

**Fourth row, left to right:** Philip Lippa '50, William H. Earl '37, Alexander J. Russ '52, David A. Doll '50.

**Fifth row, left to right:** Frank R. Papa '52, Philip H. Magner Jr. '49, Dean Nils Olsen, Frederic C. Washburn '53.

**Sixth row:** Hon. John P. Lane '53.





# Class Action

Compiled by Cynthia Watts

## What's new?

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E-mail: [fleisch@buffalo.edu](mailto:fleisch@buffalo.edu)  
or fill out the form at [www.law.buffalo.edu](http://www.law.buffalo.edu)

## '50s

**Ralph L. Halpern '53** and **Howard Rosenhoch '76** participated in the New York State Bar Association's Continuing Legal Education seminar "Ethics and Professionalism" in June in Buffalo. Halpern is a partner in the business, corporate, financial services and international trade practice groups in the firm Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel, in Buffalo, where he resides.

**Hon. John P. Lane '53** received the 2004 Outstanding Jurist Award at the 117th annual dinner of the Bar Association of Erie County, on June 9 in Buffalo. Lane is supervising judge for the New York State Supreme Court, Eighth Judicial District, in Buffalo. He is a resident of Williamsville, N.Y.

**David Sweet '53**, a partner in the firm Heffernan & Sweet in Buffalo, was re-elected to a two-year term on the board of directors of Buffalo Place Inc. Sweet resides in Clarence, N.Y.

**Robert Frangoles '54**, a solo practitioner, was named general chairman of the 27th annual Hellenic Festival, May 21 to 23 in Buffalo. Frangoles practices and lives in Tonawanda, N.Y.

**John P. Patti '54** retired after 18 years as the Erie County Family Court support magistrate in Buffalo. Patti was honored at a farewell party Nov. 7, 2003. He is a resident of Williamsville, N.Y.

**Hon. Joseph S. Mattina '56** was honored at the Bar Association of Erie County's inaugural retirement party on Dec. 2, 2003, in Buffalo. Mattina, Erie County Surrogate Court judge, stepped down from the



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bench upon reaching the mandatory retirement age. A recipient of the UB Law Alumni Association's Jaekle Award, he had been on the bench since 1965, previously serving as a judge in Buffalo City Court, Erie County Court and New York State Supreme Court. He is now the CEO and co-chair of the Amherst, N.Y., company Counsel Financial Services, a commercial lending company that deals with nationwide law firms. He also received the Leadership in Education Award from Erie Community College at its third annual Chairman's Ball on Feb. 28, 2004.

**Richard F. Griffin '57**, an adjunct faculty member at UB Law School, has become of counsel in the Buffalo firm Kavinoky & Cook. Griffin was previously of counsel in the firm Phillips Lytle in the Buffalo office.

**Thomas Basil '58** recently retired as a civilian attorney for the U.S. Department of the Navy. He resides in Orlando, Fla.

**Thomas Beecher Jr. '59** was awarded the Dr. Lawrence Jacobs Award from the Western New York/Northwestern Pennsylvania chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Beecher was honored at D'Youville College's annual Health Awards dinner on Feb. 4, 2004, in Buffalo. He was commended for his "significant contributions in medicine and health care" by leading the endeavor to develop the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus. Beecher is president of Ballynoe Inc. in Buffalo and a partner in the firm Phillips Lytle in Buffalo, where he resides.

**James Magavern '59**, senior partner in the Buffalo firm Magavern, Magavern & Grimm, was reappointed to the board of directors of the Community Health Foundation of Western and Central New York.

## '60s

**Brian Rhatigan '61** has accepted a position as a partner in the firm LeClair Ryan in the Alexandria, Va., office. Rhatigan practices in the firm's medical

## SAVE THE DATE *for* YOUR REUNION:

**1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1995, 2000**

**1955:** The Class of 1955 plans to celebrate its 50th Reunion on the weekend of May 20-21, 2005. The festivities will be kicked off on Friday with a formal class dinner and a commemorative group photo at the Mansion on Delaware Avenue. On Saturday, Dean Olsen will host a tour of the Law School at O'Brian Hall followed by the class participating in the 2005 commencement ceremony. Classmates will sit on stage and be honored during the ceremony. Following commencement will be a reception for guests, graduates and their families at the Center for the Arts on UB's North Campus.

**1960:** The Class of 1960 plans to celebrate its 45th Reunion on the weekend of June 10-11, 2005. Festivities will begin with a Friday evening reception at the Law School. Dean Olsen is hosting a complimentary brunch at the Law School in honor of the Class of 1960 on the morning of Saturday, June 11. The weekend will be highlighted with a Saturday evening reunion dinner with a location to be determined.

**1965:** The Class of 1965 plans to celebrate its 40th Reunion on June 10-11, 2005. Classmates will begin their reunion celebration with a casual cocktail party. A brunch will be held on the morning of Saturday, June 11, at the Law School. That evening classmates will reunite at a location to be determined for their class dinner and group photo.

**1970:** The Class of 1970 plans to celebrate its 35th Reunion on the weekend of June 10-11, 2005. Classmates will begin their reunion celebration with a casual cocktail party at the Law School. Dean Olsen will host a brunch for classmates at the Law School on Saturday morning. A gourmet dinner is in the planning stages.

**1975:** The Class of 1975 plans to celebrate its 30th Reunion on June 10-11, 2005. Classmates are invited to relive the experience of Law School with a casual

happy hour party at a to-be-determined location on Friday evening. Saturday, Dean Olsen is hosting a bunch and tour at the Law School. On Saturday evening, classmates will gather at a location yet to be determined.

**1980:** The Class of 1980 plans to celebrate its 25th Reunion on the weekend of May 6-7, 2005. The festivities will begin with a Friday night reception at a to-be-determined location. UB Law School is planning to hold a Saturday morning brunch at O'Brian Hall hosted by Dean Olsen. The weekend will be highlighted by a Saturday evening dinner at a to-be-determined location.

**1985:** The Class of 1985 plans to celebrate its 20th Reunion on the weekend of May 6-7, 2005. The festivities will begin with a Friday night reception at D'Arcy McGee's on Chippewa, UB Law School is planning to hold a Saturday morning brunch at O'Brian Hall hosted by Dean Olsen. The weekend will be highlighted by a Saturday evening dinner at the Buffalo Club.

**1995:** The Class of 1995 plans to celebrate its 10th reunion on the weekend of May 6-7, 2005. A Friday night reception will have classmates gather at a to-be-determined location. Dean Olsen will host a Saturday morning brunch at O'Brian Hall. The Saturday evening reunion dinner will be held at a location still to be determined.

**2000:** The Class of 2000 plans to celebrate its fifth reunion on May 6-7, 2005. A casual Friday night get-together is being planned at a location to be determined. Dean Olsen will host a Saturday morning brunch at O'Brian Hall. The "main event" will be held on Saturday evening at a to-be-determined location.

More info? Contact: Amy Hayes Atkinson, Reunion Coordinator, at (716) 645-6224 or e-mail [aatkins@buffalo.edu](mailto:aatkins@buffalo.edu).





UB Law's Commencement weekend also saw the gathering of alumni and friends for the 50th reunion celebration of the Class of 1954 on the weekend of May 14-15, 2004. On a hot Friday afternoon, classmates went golfing at the Transit Valley Country Club. Later that evening, over 70 friends gathered at the Buffalo Country Club to kick off the celebratory weekend with a gourmet dinner and dancing to the music of the Sid Winkler Band. Former dean and professor Jacob Hyman joined the class as a special guest.

"The reunion was great fun," remarked Hon. Ann T. Mikoll. "We again became the young legal eagles we once were 50 years ago as we relived old memories. All of us felt UB gave us a great foundation for our careers, and we are eternally grateful."

Saturday morning, classmates and their guests were treated to coffee and a tour of the Law School by Dean Nils Olsen. Following the tour, alumni made their way over to the Center for the Arts, where they sat on stage in full regalia and were honored as part of the Law School commencement. To conclude the weekend's activities, Justice Mikoll hosted a farewell cocktail party in her home in Depew, N.Y.

**First row, left to right:**

Hon. John F. O'Donnell, David M. Coffey, Professor Jacob D. Hyman, Richard S. Manz, Victor C. Silverstein, Hon. Ann T. Mikoll, Irving M. Shuman, Herman J. Ginsburg, James V. Philippone.

**Second row, left to right:**

Anthony C. Ben, John P. Patti Sr., Bertram C. Serling, Milton J. Strebel, Hon. Robert L. Wolfe, Samuel R. Miserendino Sr., Thomas Santa Lucia, Richard J. Wierzbicki, Edgar Viggiani, Marlin B. Salmon, Russell T. Perla, Frank R. Parlato, Jerome D. Adner, Hon. Stanley A. Moskal, Arthur D. Ladds.

**Third row, left to right:**

Robert W. Frangoles, Paul J. Quintilone, Anthony M. Leone.

**Fourth row, left to right:**

Eugene C. Tenney, Arthur J. Rumizen, Paul Gonson.

**Fifth row, left to right:**

Myron M. Siegel, Peter A. Vinohus, James T. McFarland.

**Sixth row:**

Samuel A. Macri.



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malpractice defense group. He lives in Ashburn, Va.

**Phillip Brothman '62** has joined the firm Harris Beach as a partner in the corporate, financial and educational institutions, trusts and estates practice group in the Hamburg, N.Y., office. Brothman was formerly a partner in the firm Hurst, Brothman & Yusick, which has merged with Harris Beach. He lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

**William D. Schulz '62**, of Snyder, N.Y., has been elected chair of the board of directors of the Presbyterian Homes of Western New York Foundation. Schulz practices in the firm Duke, Holzman, Yaeger & Photiadis in Buffalo.

**Joel L. Daniels '63**, a Buffalo attorney, was honored with the 2004 Lawyer of the Year Award at the Bar Association of Erie County's 117th annual dinner on June 9 in Buffalo. Daniels was recognized for "demonstrating the highest standards of integrity, honor and courtesy" as well as for his *pro bono* work.

**Gerald Lippes '64**, a partner in the Buffalo firm Lippes, Silverstein, Mathias & Wexler, was honored with the Community Leadership Medal from the University at Buffalo Alumni Association. He was recognized for his involvement on the university's presidential search committee. Lippes resides in Buffalo.

**Thomas J. Sciolino '66** has been elected deputy treasurer of the Bar Association of Erie County. Sciolino is a solo practitioner and resides in Orchard Park, N.Y.

**Harold J. Brand Jr. '67** has retired as the first executive assistant of the Eighth Judicial District administrative office in Buffalo. For the past 34 years, Brand has managed financial, operational and personnel activities, dealing with 90 state judges and 700 court staff members. Brand is a past president of the UB Law Alumni Association and a past recipient of the UB Law Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumnus Award. He is a resident of Williamsville, N.Y.

**Hon. Samuel L. Green '67**, Appellate Division, Supreme Court, Fourth Judicial Department, in Buffalo, was honored by the Allegany County Bar As-

sociation for Black History Month. Green is a past recipient of the UB Law Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus Award and the Jaeckle Award. He is a Buffalo resident.

**Paul E. Rudnicki '67**, a West Seneca, N.Y., solo practitioner, received the Award of the Four Chaplains at a ceremony at Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Buffalo. He was recognized for his work in helping veterans and their families, including raising \$190,000 for the food pantry of Western New York Chapter 77, Vietnam Veterans of America.



**Robert Fine '68**

Rudnicki, a Vietnam-era Army veteran, received several war decorations, including the Bronze Star and the Army Commendation Medal.

**Arthur A. Russ Jr. '67**, a Hamburg, N.Y., resident, has been appointed vice president of the Buffalo Renaissance Foundation for 2004 and will be president in 2005. Russ is a partner in the firm Phillips Lytle in Buffalo.

**Jack Doyle '68** recently retired as Monroe County executive in Rochester, N.Y. He is currently of counsel in the firm Gallo & Iacovangelo in Rochester, concentrating his practice on municipal and corporate matters in the firm's litigation department. He is a Rochester resident.

**Robert Fine '68** of Williamsville, N.Y., received special recognition from the Buffalo State of Israel Bonds Committee. He is also serving as president of the Buffalo Club. Fine is a partner in the Buffalo firm Hurwitz & Fine. He is a member of UB Law

School's Dean's Advisory Council.

**Howard R. Relin '68** has retired from the Monroe County district attorney's office in Rochester, N.Y. Relin was the longest-serving district attorney in Monroe County. Relin also received the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Otetiana Council, Boy Scouts of America. He is a Rochester resident.

**Michael R. Wolford '68**, a partner in the Rochester, N.Y., firm Wolford & Leclair, is the new president of the Monroe County Bar Association, in Rochester. Wolford is a past recipient of UB Law School's Distinguished Alumnus Award. He also serves on the Law School's Dean's Advisory Council and is a past member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. He lives in Victor, N.Y.

**Donald Alessi '69**, a Buffalo solo practitioner, was appointed president of the Buffalo and Erie County Naval and Military Park. He is a resident of Clarence, N.Y., and also serves as Clarence town attorney.

**Dr. Allan J. Eisenberg '69** has been promoted from chairman to director of the paralegal program at Florida Metropolitan University's campus in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Eisenberg lives in Boca Raton, Fla.

**Herbert Siegel '69** was appointed to a three-year term as a trustee for the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy. Siegel is a partner in the firm Siegel, Kelleher & Kahn in Buffalo.

## '70s

**Margaret J. Quinn '70**, former chief administrative law judge for the Buffalo Office of Hearings and Appeals for the Social Security Administration, has opened her own firm, Myers & Quinn, in Williamsville, N.Y. The firm will handle cases involving Social Security law. Quinn is a resident of Grand Island, N.Y.

**Terrence M. Connors '71**, a Buffalo resident and partner in the firm Connors & Vilardo, recently was awarded the largest

personal-injury verdict in Western New York court history, \$58.6 million. His client, Michael Murach, a professional diver, was left paralyzed by an accident at Martin's Fantasy Island on Grand Island, N.Y., in 1990.

**Victor A. Oliveri '71** was inducted as a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers during its annual meeting in Montreal. Oliveri is a partner in the firm Gibson, McAskill & Crosby in Buffalo. He lives in Amherst, N.Y.

**Hon. Leonard G. Tilney Jr. '71** was elected town justice of Lockport, N.Y., where he resides. Tilney served previously as chief appellate attorney in the Niagara County public defender's office and also maintained his own law firm.

**Peter J. Battaglia '72** has accepted a position at Ticor Title Insurance Co. in Buffalo, as underwriting counsel. Battaglia previously was a member of the firm Hiscock & Barclay in the Buffalo office. He resides in Tonawanda, N.Y.

**Hon. Mark G. Farrell '72** gave the keynote address at the annual statewide conferences on compulsive gambling in Nebraska and Iowa. Farrell is Amherst, N.Y., town justice and acting Buffalo City Court judge, who has created the nation's only gambling treatment court, in Amherst. He has also been named secretary of the Buffalo chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates. Farrell is a past president of the UB Law Alumni Association and lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

**Anthony J. Latona '72**, of East Amherst, N.Y., has been named chairman of the economic development council for the Amherst, N.Y., Chamber of Commerce. He also participated in the National Business Institute Seminar in Buffalo "How to Litigate Your First Trial in New York." Latona also was named to the redevelopment committee of the Amherst Industrial Development Agency, and is also serving on the Hospice Foundation committee that promoted the fundraiser "Playhouse Project II" in Williamsville, N.Y., on Aug. 5, 2004. Latona is a partner in the firm Jaeckle, Fleischmann & Mugel in Buffalo.





# Class of '59

The Class of 1959 gathered to mark the 45th anniversary of its graduation. Upon reaching this milestone, classmates thought it was fitting to meet Friday evening at 77 W. Eagle St. — their old Law School building and now the New York State Supreme Court Library in Buffalo. Joined by former dean and professor Jacob D. Hyman and former law school librarian Lois Crissey, the class relived fond memories while admiring the transformation of their old school.

Saturday morning, classmates and guests were invited to brunch at O'Brian Hall by Dean Nils Olsen. Classmates were able to compare their former location at 77 W. Eagle with the current location of the Law School and advancements made in recent years that allow current law students every possible advantage while studying and learning about the law.

That evening, they enjoyed a delicious dinner at the Transit Valley Country Club. Lois Crissey, also in attendance at the reunion dinner, flew in from Hilton Head to take part in the class' weekend celebration.

Commenting on the weekend was Thomas R. Beecher Jr., chair and president of Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus board of directors and partner of Phillips Lytle, LLP: "The reunions get better each time. The Class of '59 continues to prosper with age and wisdom. I look forward to seeing everyone at the next one, our 50th!"

**First row seated:** Lois Crissey.

**Second row, left to right:** Joyce M. Topp Burgess, Eugene P. O'Connor; James W. Kirkpatrick, Alan L. Bernstein, Hon. Ronald H. Tills, F. Warren Kahn, Donald M. Silverberg, William A. Brownjohn, Arthur N. Bailey, Ronald W. Malin, Richard G. Vogt.

**Third row, left to right:** G. Peter Higgins, Thomas R. Beecher Jr., Noel E. Bartlo, Gordon Gannon Jr., Robert W. Tills, Richard G. Schwind, James L. Magavern, Salvatore Giallombardo, William H. Gardner, Kenneth W. Knapp Jr.



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**George E. Riedel Jr. '72** has been named senior partner in the Buffalo firm Lipsitz, Green, Fahringer, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria. He concentrates his practice in the areas of trusts and estates, elder law estate administration, estate planning, guardianships and adoptions. He was also named vice president of Financial Planning Counselors of Western New York for 2004. Riedel lives in Buffalo.

**Thomas Segalla '72** has become a member of the International Association of Business Leaders. Segalla is a partner in the firm Goldberg Segalla, in Buffalo, where he resides.

**Arthur H. Ackerhalt '73** spoke at a workshop sponsored by Deaf Adult Services, the Independent Living Center and the Buffalo Club of the Deaf. Ackerhalt is a partner in the Buffalo firm Bouvier O'Connor, practicing in the area of disability law. He lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

**Hon. Rosalie Stoll Bailey '73** has recently been elected a New York State Supreme Court justice for the Eighth Judicial District in Buffalo, where she resides.

**Paul R. Comeau '73**, a partner in the firm Hodgson Russ, in the Buffalo office, is a member of the firm's new government relations team, providing governmental advocacy on behalf of clients, and has been appointed as the new chair of the firm. He is co-chair of the Multistate Tax Committee of the New York State Bar Association's tax section. Comeau and **Timothy P. Noonan '99** received the 2004 Burton Award for Excellence in Legal Writing for their article "Executive Compensation and Employer Withholding: A Closer Look at a Complicated Issue," published in the *Journal of Multistate Taxation and Incentives*, in August 2003. He lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

**David S. Gary '73** is a senior trial attorney in the major care unit at Travelers Insurance. Gary is a resident of Syosset, N.Y.

**James Gresens '73**, senior partner in the Buffalo firm Gresens & Gillen, has been named to the Construction Exchange of Buffalo & Western New York. He lives in Eggertsville, N.Y., and is

an adjunct faculty member at UB Law School.

**John Hayden '73**, of Baltimore, has been re-elected to the Baltimore County School Board. Hayden is a partner in the firm Whiteford, Taylor & Preston in Towson, Md. He is president of the Baltimore County Public Schools Education Foundation, a member of the Towson University Foundation board and president-elect of the Maryland Association of Boards of Education.



**Paul R. Comeau '73**

**Hon. Eugene F. Pigott Jr. '73** received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the UB Law Alumni Association at the 42nd annual dinner on April 28, 2004. Pigott, presiding justice of the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Fourth Department, was recognized for his "conscientious and diligent performance in the judiciary." He is a resident of Grand Island, N.Y.

**James E. Walsh '73** has been appointed senior vice president and general counsel for America West Airlines in Phoenix. Walsh was formerly senior vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary for Fairchild Dornier Corp., based in San Antonio, Texas.

**Andrew Yusick Jr. '73** has joined the firm Harris Beach as a partner. Yusick was previously a partner in the firm Hurst, Brothman & Yusick, which has merged with Harris Beach. Yusick will be practicing in the residential real estate and financial institutions practice group in the Angola and Hamburg, N.Y., offices. He is a resident of Hamburg.

**Stuart Brody '74** is of counsel in the firm Hiscock & Barclay in the Albany, N.Y., office. Brody is founder and CEO of Job Gravity Inc., which makes software for employment law decision-making. Brody lives in Essex, N.Y.

**Mark Finkelstein '74** was a panelist in a debate at California State University-Long Beach on President Bush's policies regarding women. Finkelstein is the Tompkins County, Calif., Republican Party chair. He also hosts a public-access television show, *Right Angle*.

**John E. Haslinger '74** has been named branch counsel and manager in the Buffalo office of Commonwealth Land Title Insurance Co., a subsidiary of Land-America Financial Group Inc. Haslinger is a resident of West Seneca, N.Y.

**Hon. Hugh B. Scott '74** was honored at the 51st annual citation banquet of the National Conference for Community and Justice, Western New York region, on March 23, 2004. Scott is a U.S. magistrate judge for the Western District of New York. He also teaches trial technique at UB Law School and is a former recipient of the UB Law Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus Award. Scott resides in Buffalo.

**Dianne Bennett '75** retired as chair of the firm Hodgson Russ on July 31, 2004. She was honored at the 42nd annual UB Law Alumni Association dinner on April 28, 2004, receiving the Distinguished Alumna Award for her "leadership by example as a private practitioner." She is also a co-author of *Taxation of Distributions From Qualified Plans 2003-2004*. She also was named by *Business First* as one of the 40 most influential Western New Yorkers, and was recently presented with the 2004 Award of Excellence by Everywoman Opportunity Center, a center organized to assist women as they enter or re-enter the workforce. Bennett is a Buffalo resident.

**Douglas Coppola '75**, of Buffalo, was elected to the board of directors of the Mid-Day Club of Buffalo. Coppola is a partner in the Buffalo firm Rodgers & Coppola.

**Louis P. DiLorenzo '76**, of Fayetteville, N.Y., has been re-elected to the *New York State Bar Journal* board of editors for a three-year term. DiLorenzo is partner in the firm Bond, Schoenck & King in the Syracuse, N.Y., office and is also a past chair of the New York State Bar Association's labor and employment law section.

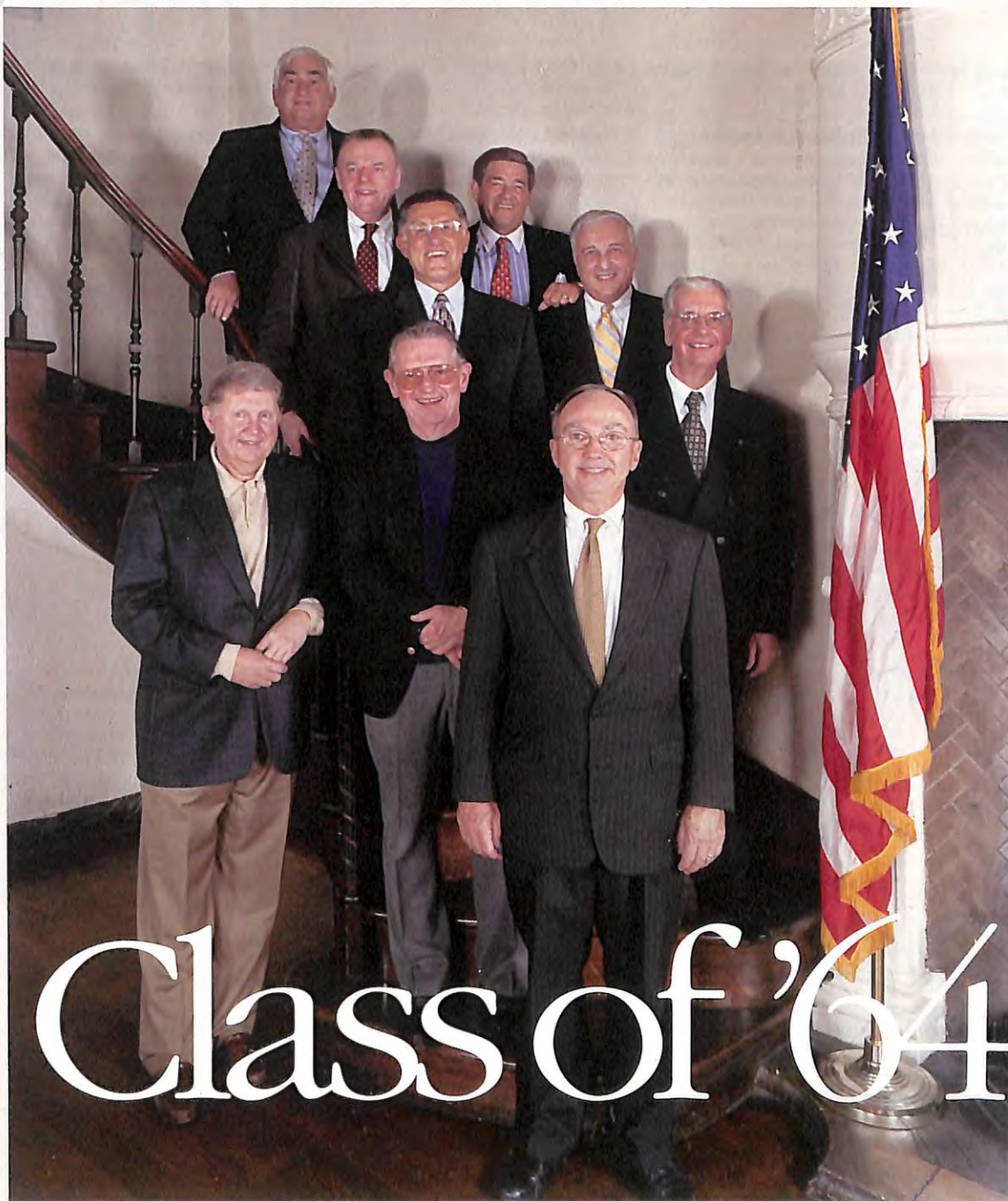
**Sue Gardner '76** was recognized for her contributions to the Western New York community and service organizations. She was honored at D'Youville College's annual Community Service Award reception on Oct. 16, 2003, in Buffalo. Gardner is a partner in the firm Kavinoky & Cook in Buffalo, where she resides. She also received the Friends of Civil Legal Services award at the Access to Justice Open House coordinated by the New York State Unified Court System.

**James Gauthier '75**, a Kenmore, N.Y., resident, received the Paul Gibbs Outstanding Member Award from the Association of Defense Trial Attorneys. Gauthier also has been re-elected to a fifth term as secretary of the Association of Defense Attorneys. Gauthier is a partner in the Buffalo firm Hurwitz & Fine and is a Kenmore, N.Y., resident.

**Robert N. Gottfried '75** practices in the firm Hodgson Russ. He joined the firm as a partner specializing in immigration law in the New York City office.

**Pamela Davis Heilman '75**, of Buffalo, received the 2004 Athena Award from the Buffalo Niagara Partnership to benefit the Western New York Women's Fund. She was honored for her professionalism and "dedication to leadership opportunities for women professionals." She has been appointed vice president for community relations in the firm Hodgson Russ and is involved with the firm's cross-border Canada/U.S. practice. In addition, she participated in the 2004 National Spring Conference of the Canadian Corporate Counsel Association, in Halifax, Nova Scotia. She was recently elected to the boards of the Canadian American Business Council and the Kaleida Health Foundation. Heilman is a Buffalo resident.





**First row:**  
Peter J. Martin.

**Second row, left to right:** John P. Dee, Randolph P. Zickl, James P. Manak.

**Third row, left to right:** Louis M. Cacclato, Roger B. Simon.

**Fourth row, left to right:** William C. Farner, Lance W. Billingsley.

**Fifth row:**  
Joseph F. Biondolillo.

# Class of '64

The Class of 1964 commemorated its 40th reunion on May 1, 2004. Classmates took an enjoyable stroll down memory lane as they gathered for this significant event. The one-day of social events began with brunch at the Law School hosted by Dean Nils Olsen and a tour of the facilities at O'Brian Hall.

The Saturn Club, on Delaware Avenue in Buffalo, was the setting for a wonderful, intimate dinner that lasted into the evening with stories of Law School days past and updates on current happenings in their lives.

Said John P. Dee, of Blair & Roach, "Those of us who attended had a very enjoyable time getting to see one another again, which is something that doesn't often happen, even in the case of the classmates who remained in the area and continue to practice here. It was particularly good to see those classmates who traveled from out of town and whom we haven't seen in such a long time."



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**R. Charles Miner '75**, a Kenmore, N.Y., resident, is a new member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. Miner is a partner in the firm Smith, Keller, Miner & O'Shea, in Buffalo.

**William F. Savino '75**, senior partner in the Buffalo firm Damon & Morey, co-authored the commercial law section of the *Syracuse Law Review*. Savino is a bridge course instructor at UB Law School and is past president of the UB Law Alumni Association. He lives in Amherst, N.Y.

**Raymond J. Stapell '75** has been elected a new member of the UB Law Alumni Association board of directors. Stapell, of Getzville, N.Y., is a partner in the firm Harris Beach in the Buffalo office.

**Diane F. Bosse '76**, partner in the firm Volgenau & Bosse, was appointed secretary of the National Conference of Bar Examiners in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, at its annual meeting Aug. 12-14, 2004. Bosse, a Clarence, N.Y., resident, is chair of the New York State Board of Law Examiners.

**Patrick J. Brown '76** was involved in a panel discussion in July about the "Lackawanna Six" in U.S. District Court in Buffalo. The discussion was presented by Leadership Buffalo for Criminal Justice Day. Brown is a partner in the Buffalo firm LoTempio & Brown. He lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

**Richard F. DiGiacomo '76** of Williamsville, N.Y., has become a new member of the UB Law Alumni Association board of directors. DiGiacomo is a partner in the Amherst, N.Y., firm Nesper, Ferber & DiGiacomo.

**John Fargo '76** has been appointed director of the intellectual property staff within the civil division of the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C.

**E. Joseph Giroux '76**, **Mark Gaston Pearce '78** and **Jonathan G. Johnsen '91**, partners in the firm Creighton, Pearce, Johnsen & Giroux, were presented the 2003 Eugene J. Mays Citizenship Award by the Communication Workers of America, Western New York Council. They were

presented the award at the 30th annual Eugene J. Mays Memorial Awards Banquet. Giroux lives in Springville, N.Y.

**Hon. Michael E. Hudson '76** has been named a New York State Court of Claims judge in Buffalo. He was formerly principal law clerk to Hon. Sharon Townsend, administrative judge, Eighth Judicial District. Hudson is a resident of Amherst, N.Y.

**Ed Kelly '76**, of counsel to East Tennessee State University and Quillen College of Medicine, was awarded a Fulbright scholarship to teach disability law and civil rights in Kyiv, Ukraine, in spring 2005. Kelly lives in Jonesborough, Tenn.

**Gary Muldoon '76** was hon-



**Robert N. Gottfried '75**

ored with the Raymond J. Pauley Award from the Monroe County Bar Association for his dedication to the association's Center for Education. Muldoon is a partner in the firm Muldoon & Getz, in Rochester, N.Y.

**Carlos Rodriguez '76** was the guest speaker at the 15th annual Students of Color dinner hosted by UB Law School on April 2 in the Buffalo Niagara Marriott. Rodriguez is the first attorney of Puerto Rican ancestry to work at the New York State attorney general's office in Rochester, N.Y.

**Howard Rosenhoch '76** and Ralph L. Halpern '53 participated in the New York State Bar Association's Continuing Legal Education seminar "Ethics and Professionalism," in June, in Buffalo. Rosenhoch also was a presenter at the New York State Judicial Institute Legal Update seminar in Rochester, N.Y.

Rosenhoch is a partner in the firm Jaekle, Fleischmann & Mugel in Buffalo, where he resides.

**Brent L. Wilson '76** has been recognized as one of "America's Top Black Lawyers" by *Black Enterprise* magazine. Wilson is a partner in the Atlanta firm Elarbee, Thompson, Sapp & Wilson. He handles cases involving labor relations and employment law. He is a resident of Lithonia, Ga.

**Margaret W. Wong '76** was named "Entrepreneur of the Year" by *Smart Business Cleveland*. Wong is managing partner of the immigration firm Margaret W. Wong and Associates Co. She is a resident of Shaker Heights, Ohio.

**Richard C. Gordon '77** has been promoted to director of acquisitions and development of the Jack Parker Corp., a real estate developer in Forest Hills, N.Y. Gordon previously served the company as general counsel. He lives in Great Neck, N.Y.

**Dennis R. McCoy '77** was a co-presenter at the Erie County Bar Association seminar "Everything You Wanted to Know About Legal Malpractice and Attorney Grievance, but Hopefully Will Never Need to Use" on Nov. 7, 2003, in Buffalo. McCoy, a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association and its new treasurer, is a partner in the Buffalo firm Hiscock & Barclay. He lives in Snyder, N.Y.

**Kenneth A. Manning '77**, of Kenmore, N.Y., received the Brotherhood/Sisterhood Award for law from the National Conference on Community and Justice on Jan. 15, 2004, at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo. A partner in the Buffalo-based law firm of Phillips Lytle, he is a past president of the UB Law Alumni Association and serves on the Dean's Advisory Council.

**Mary Dee Martoche '77**, a Buffalo resident, has been selected leader for the Northeast service area of the American Red Cross and named community needs chair. Martoche is an attorney-referee for Erie County Surrogate's Court in Buffalo.

**Bonnie T. O'Connor '77** has been elected to the board of directors of the Bar Association of Erie County, in Buffalo. O'-

Connor is a member of the firm Smith, Murphy & Schoepperle, in Buffalo, where she is a resident.

**John J. Aman '77**, an Amherst, N.Y., resident, has been appointed to a three-year term on the nominating committee of the Bar Association of Erie County in Buffalo. Aman is a support magistrate in Erie County Family Court in Buffalo.

**George A. Rusk '77** has been promoted from program manager to vice president of the Lancaster, N.Y., company Ecology and Environment. Rusk lives in Snyder, N.Y.

**Thomas P. Connelly III '78** has retired. Connelly, a former solo practitioner, resides in Newport News, Va.

**Garry Graber '78** has been named chair of the Bar Association of Erie County bylaws committee. Graber is a partner in the firm Hodgson Russ in the Buffalo office and chairs the firm's bankruptcy and commercial litigation practice group. He is also past president of the Bar Association of Erie County, the Volunteer Lawyers Project and the UB Law Alumni Association. Graber also has been appointed president of the Turnaround Management Association's Upstate New York chapter, and has been named to the Bar Association of Erie County nominating committee. He lives in Orchard Park, N.Y.

**William J. Kita '78**, a partner in the firm Burgio, Kita & Curvin, in Buffalo, has become treasurer of the Buffalo chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates. Kita is a resident of Hamburg, N.Y.

**Jane Mago '78** has been chosen as general counsel of the National Association of Broadcasters in Washington, D.C. Mago's last position was as chief of the office of strategic planning and policy analysis at the Federal Communications Commission. She lives in McLean, Va.

**Linda J. Marsh '78** has been elected president of the Buffalo chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates. Marsh is a partner in the firm Ziller, Marsh, Lang, Small & Zweig, in Buffalo, where she is a resident.



# Births

To **Jeanne-Marie Waldman '88** and Ileen Paley, a daughter, Miriam Hannah, on Jan. 15, 2004, in Livingston, N.J.

To **Shawn Lavery DeJames '90** and Jeffrey DeJames, a daughter, Pierson Elliott, on July 24, 2003, in Columbia, S.C.

To **Kimi Lynn King '90** and James Meernik, a daughter, Marlene Eleanor, on Nov. 13, 2003, in Denton, Texas.

To **Paul W. Sharratt '91** and Patricia D. Owen, a daughter, Evelyn May, on March 23, 2004.

To **Danita Mendez-Townsend '02** and Tracey E. Townsend, a son, Mason Nelson, on Feb. 24, 2003, in Salisbury, Md.

To **Steven B. Levitsky '93** and Kimberly R. Levitsky, a son, Benjamin Daniel, on Nov. 26, 2003, in Rochester, N.Y.

To **Joseph L. Mooney '93**, and **Sheri L. Mooney '96**, a daughter Clare Ryan, on Sept. 28, 2004, in Orchard Park, N.Y.

To **Andrew O'Brien '93** and Carol O'Brien, a daughter, Elle Sommerville, on Jan. 22, 2004, in Nassau, Bahamas.

To **Lisa Wayne Weiss '93** and Neil Weiss, a son, Forest Blake, on Dec. 27, 2003, in Boca Raton, Fla.

To **Susannah M. Bochenek '94** and **Guy C. Giancarlo '94**, a daughter, Eve Marie, on April 4, 2003, in Snyder, N.Y.

To **David Fensterstock '94** and Dale Fensterstock, a son, Jarrett, on Jan. 31, 2003, in Long Island, N.Y.

To **David Grover '94** and Jill Grover, a son, Ethan Bennett, on Jan. 31, 2003, in New York City.

To **Joseph E. Horey '94** and

Jumlong Innoi Horey, a son, Brian Bunnarin, on Feb. 24, 2004, in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

To **Chandy (Sweet) Kemp '94** and Christopher Kemp, a son, Ian Christopher, on April 5, 2003, in Le Roy, N.Y.

To **Jeffrey B. Scheer '96** and Abby Scheer, twin daughters, Rachel and Sophie, on June 30, 2003, in Syracuse, N.Y.

To **Karen E. Richardson '97** and Mark Touris, a daughter, Sarah Rose, on Sept. 3, 2003, in Buffalo.

To **D. Charles Roberts Jr. '97** and Rachel Roberts, a daughter, Audrey Elizabeth, on Nov. 13, 2003, in Buffalo.

To **Jeremy Best '98** and Kristen Scharf-Best, a daughter, Elizabeth Catherine, on Jan. 10, 2004, in Rochester, N.Y.

To **John J. Koeppel '98** and Karin Koeppel, a daughter, Julia Elaine, on March 18, 2004, in Hamburg, N.Y.

To **Mary Snyder Radel '01** and **Patrick G. Radel '02**, a son, Luke Patrick, on Feb. 21, 2004, in Amherst, N.Y.

To **John Rizzo '01** and Tracy Rizzo, a son, Justin, on Aug. 25, 2003, in Rochester, N.Y.

To **Tara Johnson '02** and Michael Johnson, a son, Miles Alexander, on Feb. 10, 2004, in Rochester, N.Y.

To **Jon A. Nichols Jr. '02** and Melissa Nichols, a daughter, Caroline Grace, on July 20, 2004, in Colonial Heights, Va.

To **Jennifer Biletnikoff O'Connell '03** and Desmond O'Connell, a son, Brendan, on Feb. 5, 2004, in Pittsburgh, Pa.

**Kathleen Mehlretter '78** of Orchard Park, N.Y., was honored Nov. 14, 2003, at the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Director's Awards ceremony of the U.S. Department of Justice's Executive Office for United States Attorneys.

Mehlretter is first assistant U.S. attorney for the U.S. attorney's office, Western District of New York, in Buffalo. She helped to convict the "Lackawanna Six," accused of supporting al-Qaida.

**James M. Mucklewee '78** has accepted a position in the Buffalo firm Brown Chiari. Mucklewee will be practicing in

the area of personal injury. He is a resident of East Aurora, N.Y.

**Mark Gaston Pearce '78**, **Jonathan G. Johnsen '91** and **E. Joseph Giroux '76**, partners in the firm Creighton, Pearce, Johnsen & Giroux, were presented the 2003 Eugene J. Mays Citizenship Award by the Communication Workers of America, Western New York Council. They were presented the award at the 30th annual Eugene J. Mays Memorial Awards Banquet. Pearce is a resident of Buffalo.

**Vikki L. Pryor '78** has been elected to the board of directors of KeySpan Corp., the largest distributor of natural gas in the Northeast. She is a member of the Dean's Advisory Council at UB Law School and a past recipient of the UB Law Alumni Association Distinguished Alumna Award. Pryor also was the presenter of the Marie Nesbitt Promise Award to Sara L. Valencia, a second-year UB Law School student, at the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Minority Bar Association Scholarship Dinner in Buffalo on Oct. 1, 2004. Pryor created the award in 2002 in memory of her grandmother Marie Nesbitt, who was a great-granddaughter of slaves. Pryor is president and CEO of SBLI USA Mutual Life Insurance Co. in New York City.

**Hon. Christopher J. Burns '79**, New York State Supreme Court justice, Eighth Judicial District, in Buffalo, has been reappointed to the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. He is a past vice president of the board and resides in Buffalo.

**Paul Cieslik '79**, a partner in the Buffalo firm Lipsitz, Green, Fahringer, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria, has been elected vice president/president-elect of the Western New York Library Resources Council. He is a Buffalo resident.

**Lynn Edelman '79**, of Buffalo, embarked on a 50-day bicycle tour across the northern United States for her 50th birthday. She started her adventure on June 20, 2004. The bike tour is called Trek for TOY, a fund-raiser for Theatre of Youth, the largest resident children's theater company in New York State. Edelman is an assistant U.S. attorney for the U.S. attorney's office, in Buffalo.

**Ann E. Evanko '79**, senior partner in the firm Hurwitz & Fine, has been appointed treasurer of the board of directors of Everywoman Opportunity Center in Buffalo. Evanko is a former recipient of Everywoman Opportunity Center's Award of Excellence. She lives in Orchard Park, N.Y.

**Hillary Exter '79** has been accepted into the New York City Fellow Program and will begin teaching in an innovative dual-language elementary school in September. She will be taking a

leave of absence from her position with the Community Economic Development Program at Brooklyn Legal Services Corp., where she has practiced for the past 18 years. Exter is a New York City resident.

**Dennis P. Harkawik '79**, of Buffalo, has been re-elected to the executive committee of the firm Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugal, in Buffalo. Harkawik is a partner in the firm's environmental department.

**Dan D. Kohane '79** has been appointed secretary-treasurer of the Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel for a one-year term. After his term, he will become president-elect in 2005. Kohane is senior partner in the firm Hurwitz & Fine in Buffalo, where he resides.

**Francis M. Letro '79**, and his wife, Cindy Abbott-Letro, both of Buffalo, received the Brotherhood/Sisterhood Award for philanthropy from the National Conference on Community and Justice on Jan. 15, 2004, at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo. A trial lawyer who heads the Law Office of Francis M. Letro in Buffalo, he is a major donor to the Law School, where the courtroom is named in his honor.

**Andrew Lipkind '79** spoke at a seminar sponsored by the Art Dealers Association of Canada. He addressed commercial art dealers in Toronto and Vancouver on the immigration aspects of doing business in the United States. Lipkind is a solo practitioner in Williamsville, N.Y., specializing in immigration matters.

**Elizabeth Mensch '79** has been named a SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor by the State University of New York board of trustees. This is the highest honor a faculty member can receive. Mensch, a UB Law School professor, was honored for her superior instruction at the graduate, undergraduate and professional levels. She is a Buffalo resident.

**Jean C. Powers '79** received the 2004 Distinguished Alumna Award for her "many contributions to the betterment of our community." She was honored at the 42nd annual UB Law Alumni Association dinner on April 28. Powers also is a member of the fund-raising committee of the Hospice Foundation



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promoting "Playhouse Project II." The fund-raiser was held Aug. 5, 2004, in Williamsville, N.Y. Powers is a partner in the Buffalo firm Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel and is past president of the UB Law Alumni Association and the UB Alumni Association. She resides in Williamsville, N.Y.

**Raymond Reichert '79** was a presenter at the inaugural Upstate Affordable Housing Conference at UB Law School on Sept. 23, 2004. Reichert practices in the firm Jaeckle, Fleischmann & Mugel as a partner in the Buffalo office. He is a Buffalo resident.

**Aven Rennie '79**, former assistant attorney general for the New York State Department of Law in Manhattan, recently became a partner in the firm Magavern, Magavern & Grimm in Buffalo, where she resides. She focuses her practice in the areas of commercial litigation, health law, and appeals in state and federal courts.

**Michael Risman '79**, corporation counsel for the City of Buffalo, has been elected to the board of directors of the Niagara Frontier Corporate Counsel Association. Risman is a bridge course lecturer at UB Law School and a Buffalo resident.

**Lawrence Ross '79**, a partner in the Buffalo firm Hurwitz & Fine, received special recognition from the Buffalo State of Israel Bonds Committee. Ross is a resident of Williamsville, N.Y.

**Vincent Scarsella '79** has written a story, "The Last Natural," to be published in Issue 47 of *Leading Edge*, a science fiction and fantasy magazine. Scarsella is an attorney in the appellate division of the Fourth Department Attorney Grievance Committee in Buffalo. He lives in Lackawanna, N.Y.

**Paul J. Suozzi '79** has been elected secretary of the Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section of the New York State Bar Association. Suozzi is a partner in the Buffalo law firm of Hurwitz & Fine and focuses his practice in municipal liability, civil trial litigation and medical malpractice. He lives in East Aurora, N.Y.

**Ronald J. Tanski '79** has been promoted to treasurer and principal financial officer of Na-



**Garry Graber '78**



**Dan D. Kohane '79**

tional Fuel Gas Co. in Buffalo. He previously served as controller. In addition, Tanski has been named treasurer of National Fuel Gas Distribution Corp. as well as secretary and treasurer of National Fuel Gas Supply Corp. He lives in Kenmore, N.Y.

**Alan Wishnoff '79**, a Clarence, N.Y., resident, presented a continuing legal education seminar in Buffalo, "How to Litigate Your First Civil Trial in New York." Wishnoff is a partner in the Buffalo office of the firm Phillips Lytle. He has received the Edmund S. Muskie Pro Bono Award from the American Bar Association tort and insurance practice section and the Angels in Adoption Award from the U.S. Congress. He currently serves on the board of directors for the Danang/Quang Nam Fund.

## '80s

**Ann Bermingham '80**, vice president and trust officer at HSBC Bank USA in Buffalo, was

named to the board of directors of People Inc. in Buffalo for 2004. Bermingham is a resident of Williamsville, N.Y.

**A. Angelo DiMillo '80**, a Lockport, N.Y., attorney, has been appointed first vice chairman of the Cornerstone Community Federal Credit Union, in Lockport, where he resides.

**Hon. Barbara Howe '80** has become the Erie County surrogate judge in Buffalo, succeeding **Hon. Joseph S. Mattina '56**, who retired. Howe is the first female surrogate judge and a former New York State Supreme Court justice, Eighth Judicial District. She is also a past president of the UB Law Alumni Association. Howe was honored by the Western New York chapter of the Women's Bar Association at a special reception on Feb. 26, 2004, for her new appointment as surrogate judge. She was also honored by Erie County at the third annual Women Making History in Erie County awards program in Buffalo. In addition, she was recognized on March 26, 2004, at UB Law School's 15th annual Law Review Dinner and was acknowledged for her distinguished service to UB Law School and Western New York. She is a Buffalo resident.

**Kenneth J. Landau '80**, host of the weekly radio show "Law You Should Know," is celebrating the 15th anniversary of the show. It is broadcast on WHPC 90.3 FM, the Nassau Community College radio station in Garden City, N.Y., every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Landau is past dean of the Nassau Academy of Law and a partner in the firm Shayne, Dachs, Stanisci, Corker & Sauer in Mineola, N.Y.

**William Lundquist '80** has become a member of the board of directors of the Niagara Frontier Corporate Counsel Association. Lundquist is general counsel at Birdair Inc. He is a Hamburg, N.Y., resident.

**Kenneth A. Patricia '80**, a partner in the Buffalo firm Quinn, McGarry, Caffery & Patricia, has been appointed president-elect of the Buffalo chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates. Patricia is a resident of Amherst, N.Y.

**Richard Samuel Jr. '80** is an assistant vice president and officer with Bank of America Trust Services in Tampa, Fla. He previously worked for Bank of America Private Bank in Seattle. Samuel is a resident of South Tampa, Fla.

**Oliver C. Young '80**, of Williamsville, N.Y., was recognized for his "commitment to public service" at the 42nd annual UB Law Alumni Association dinner on April 28, 2004. Young, matrimonial referee/principal court attorney for the New York State Supreme Court, Eighth Judicial District, in Buffalo, received the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

**Hon. Michael A. Battle '81**, of Buffalo, U.S. district attorney for the Western District of New York, has been recognized as one of "America's Top Black Lawyers" by *Black Enterprise* magazine, for government. Battle resides in Buffalo.

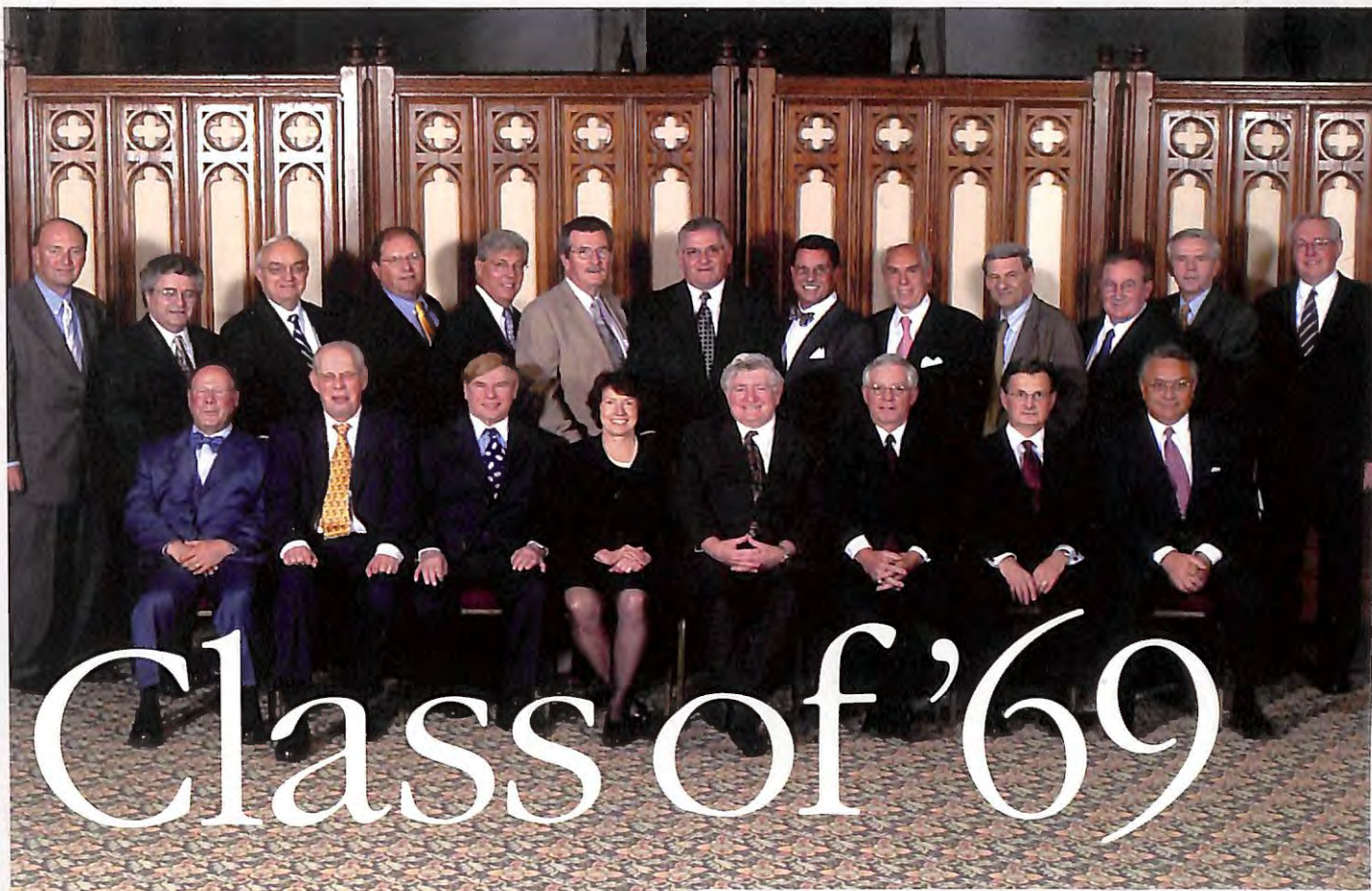
**Robert M. Elardo '81** was recognized for his many years of service with the Bar Association of Erie County Volunteer Lawyers Project at the VLP's 20th anniversary party, Oct. 16, 2003, in Buffalo. Elardo also received the Friend of Civil Legal Services award from the New York State Interest on Lawyer Account. Elardo is a past recipient of the UB Law Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumnus Award. He lives in Buffalo.

**Hon. Amy J. Fricano '81** has been elected a vice president of the UB Law Alumni Association. Fricano is a justice for New York State Supreme Court, Eighth Judicial District, in Lockport, N.Y., where she resides.

**Joseph Krenitsky '81** of Buffalo presented the seminar "Medical Records Management for the New York Paralegal" in Batavia, N.Y. He also recently spoke at career day at the Buffalo Waterfront Public School. Krenitsky practices in the Law Office of Herschel Gelber in Amherst, N.Y.

**Erik D. Lindauer '81**, a partner in the firm Sullivan & Cromwell, in New York City, was honored April 28, 2004, at the 42nd annual UB Law Alumni Association dinner. He received the Distinguished Alumnus Award for his "exemplary perfor-





The Class of 1969 commemorated its 35th with a three-day weekend extravaganza from April 30 to May 2, 2004. Classmates began the weekend on Friday evening with a catered reception at the lakeshore home of Helen Kay Dempsey in Derby, N.Y. With the picture-perfect weather, classmates kicked back and enjoyed the view as the sun set over Lake Erie while catching up with each other. Saturday's event included a brunch at the Law School in O'Brian Hall hosted by Dean Nils Olsen followed by an elegant meal at the Park Country Club.

"It was a delightful get-together which proved that the Class of '69 could still party! Special thanks to those classmates who opened their homes and allowed us in," said Donald A. Alessi, of Donald A. Alessi Attorney at Law.

Reuniting on Sunday morning, classmates turned out at the home of classmate Herbert M. Siegel, in the city of Buffalo, for a farewell champagne brunch.

**First row, left to right:**

*Frederick B. Cohen, Alan D. Goldstein, Thomas G. Kobus, Helen Kaney Dempsey, E. Carey Cantuwell, Daniel E. Brick, Hon. Ralph A. Boniello III, Donald A. Alessi.*

**Second row, left to right:**

*Allan M. Lewis, Lawrence W. Golden, John M. Dempsey, Ronald J. Axelrod, Robert M. Pusateri, William F. McLaughlin, Denis A. Scinta, Joseph V. Sedita, Nicholas J. Sargent, Richard J. Lippes, Donald B. Eppers, Richard C. Heffern, Michael R. McGee.*



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mance in business," Lindauer is also a member of UB Law School's Dean's Advisory Council.

**Wanda Lucibello '81** was named "Prosecutor of the Year" by the Kings County Criminal Bar Association. Lucibello heads up the special victims division at the Kings County district attorney's office in Brooklyn, N.Y. She has traveled to South Africa, Zimbabwe and Botswana under the auspices of the State Department to lecture on police misconduct and prosecutions. She also appears regularly as a commentator on Court TV. Lucibello resides in Brooklyn with her husband, **Arthur Hall '81**, and their daughter, Alison.

**Edward C. Northwood '81** is a co-author of *Taxation of Distributions From Qualified Plans 2003-2004*, a treatise providing in-depth analysis of the tax rules applicable to governmental plans, new case rulings and other significant developments. Northwood also has become a licensed foreign legal consultant in Ontario, Canada. He is a partner in the firm Hodgson Russ in Buffalo, practicing in the estates and trusts and international/cross-border practice groups with a resident office in Toronto. Northwood is a Buffalo resident.

**Chris G. Trapp '81** spoke at a seminar for the Local Government Law and Municipal Litigation Update in New York on Feb. 24, 2004, at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo. Trapp is a senior partner in the Buffalo firm Bouvier, O'Connor. He lives in Alden, N.Y.

**Ronald J. Winter '81**, a Lockport, N.Y., resident, has been recognized as the outstanding district justice by his law fraternity, Phi Alpha Delta. He is responsible for overseeing the activities of the fraternity at seven law schools in New York, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. Winter is the confidential law clerk to Hon. **Richard C. Kloch Sr. '76**, supervising judge of criminal courts, Eighth Judicial District, in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

**Maureen T. Alston '82** is the new managing partner in the firm Harter, Secrest & Emery in Rochester, N.Y. Alston special-



**Edward C. Northwood '81**



**Mark S. Klein '82**

izes her practice in the areas of employment/discrimination and commercial litigation. She is a Rochester resident.

**John Collins '82** is a senior partner in the firm Lipsitz, Green, Fahringer, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria in Buffalo. He focuses his practice in the areas of civil appellate and motion practice. He lives in Hamburg, N.Y.

**John P. Feroletto '82**, a Buffalo resident and solo practitioner, spoke at the annual conference of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. Feroletto served as chair of the sole practitioner and small office section of the conference.

**Gary J. Gleba '82** has accepted a position as general counsel for West Herr Auto Group in Hamburg, N.Y. Gleba was previously a partner in the Buffalo firm Phillips Lytle where he advised West Herr as outside counsel for nearly a decade. He resides in Buffalo.

**Vincent O. Hanley '82** of Williamsville, N.Y., was chair

and moderator of the New York State Bar Association Mortgage Foreclosures and Workouts seminar in Amherst, N.Y. Hanley is a partner in the corporate and real estate practice group in the firm Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel in the Buffalo office.

**Mark S. Klein '82**, partner in the firm Hodgson Russ in the Buffalo office, was a contributing editor of the *2004 Guidebook to New York Taxes*. Klein lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

**Denise E. O'Donnell '82** was a guest speaker at the Health Care Financial Management Association seminar in New York City. O'Donnell is partner in the Buffalo office in the firm Hodgson Russ. O'Donnell, immediate past president of the UB Law Alumni Association, also was re-elected as a director for the National Women's Hall of Fame. O'Donnell is a partner in the firm Hodgson Russ in Buffalo. She is a Buffalo resident.

**Daniel C. Oliverio '82**, a partner in the Buffalo firm Hodgson Russ, recently spoke at the Health Care Industries Association and High Tech Business Council's FDA medical device workshop. Oliverio practices in the area of complex litigation. He is resident of Orchard Park, N.Y.

**David J. Pajak '82** was named chair of the New York State Bar Association's committee on lawyer referral services. Pajak is a solo practitioner with offices in Williamsville and Corfu, N.Y.

**Kevin D. Robinson '82** received the Legal Service Award from the Minority Bar Association of Western New York at its 21<sup>st</sup> annual awards dinner, Sept. 12 in Buffalo. Robinson is assistant U.S. attorney for the Western District of New York and chief of the financial litigation unit in Buffalo, where he resides. Robinson also was appointed to the board of directors of the Minority Bar Association of Western New York.

**Stuart B. Shapiro '82**, partner in the Buffalo firm Cohen & Lombardo, has been appointed to the board of directors of Shakespeare in Delaware Park. In Buffalo, Shakespeare in Delaware Park is the only free professional public theater in the region. Shapiro lives in

Williamsville, N.Y.

**Jacqueline Stover '82** has been appointed by County Executive Joel Giambra as executive director of the Erie County Division of Equal Employment Opportunity, in Buffalo. Stover was previously a special assistant U.S. attorney. She is a Buffalo resident.

**Mark A. Ventrone '82**, a Syracuse, N.Y., resident, has been elected to the board of directors of the Onondaga County Bar Association for a three-year term. Ventrone practices in civil litigation and is a partner with **David S. Kimpel '82** in the firm Kimpel, Gideon & Ventrone in Syracuse.

**Catharine M. Venzon '82**, a senior partner practicing in matrimonial law in the Buffalo firm Venzon Brockway, has been elected the first woman president of the Western New York Matrimonial Trial Lawyers Association. Venzon is a resident of Williamsville, N.Y.

**Edward P. Yankelunas '82**, a Williamsville, N.Y., resident, has been appointed to the Villa Maria College board of directors, in Buffalo. He is a partner in the litigation department in the Buffalo firm Damon & Morey.

**John J. Zak '82**, a partner in the Buffalo office of the firm Hodgson Russ, has been elected to the firm's board of directors. Zak is a resident of Buffalo.

**Laurie Styka Bloom '83** has been elected to the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. Bloom is of counsel in the firm Nixon Peabody, in Buffalo, where she is a resident.

**Thomas Graziani '83** is the new interim deputy chief of internal affairs in the Ithaca, N.Y., Police Department.

**Stephen C. Halpern '83** and Daniel Lukasik '88, both of Morris, Cantor, Lukasik, Dolce & Panepinto, in Buffalo, won a \$125,000 settlement on behalf of their client and Housing Opportunities Made Equal against the Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority. The settlement is the largest settlement in HOME's history. Halpern is of counsel in the Buffalo firm and a political science professor at the University at Buffalo. He is a Buffalo resident.





# Class of '74

The Class of 1974 celebrated its 30th-year reunion on the weekend of June 4-5, 2004. The festivities were kicked off with an informal wine and cheese reception at the New York State Supreme Court Library, in Buffalo, better known to classmates as 77 West Eagle – the old Law School. Regrouping on Saturday morning, classmates headed over to the North Campus and O'Brian Hall, the current location of the Law School, for brunch and a tour of the facility lead by Dean Nils Olsen.

Alumni and guests enjoyed a lovely evening at the UB Jacobs Executive Development Center, the former Butler Mansion, starting with cocktails on the outdoor patio overlooking the gardens. Dinner featured gourmet stations and a jazz trio for entertainment.

The festivities of the weekend concluded with brunch at the Orchard Park home of Tricia T. Semmelhack. After brunch, classmates enjoyed a tour of Tricia's home including a walk on the property to visit her llamas.

"Our reunion was a well-attended and positive event. We were very pleased to have significant out-of-town representation including several classmates who had not been able to attend previous reunions," said Christopher T. Green, managing partner of Damon and Morey in Buffalo.

"The Friday night party on the third floor of 77 W. Eagle brought back many great memories. We shared many stories at a wonderful dinner on Saturday night. A smaller group enjoyed Tricia and Hank Semmelhack's delicious Sunday brunch at their home, followed by a memorable tour of their llama farm!"

**First row, left to right:** Anthony Ilardi Jr., Susan Bring Tobe, Linda J. Mead, Judith D. Katzenelson, Tricia T. Semmelhack, Rolland E. Kidder, Konrad B. Langlie, Lance J. Mark.

**Second row, left to right:** Richard C. Schisler, George B. Quinlan, William Z. Reich, Christopher T. Greene, Richard M. Tobe, Thomas C. Bailey, William R. Crowe, F. Gerard Hogan, Jack Goodchild, Nathan S. Neill.



# Alumni Briefs

**Alice A. Joseffer '83**, of Buffalo, recently presented a distinguished faculty lecture for the Institute of Continuing Professional Education's Cross-Border Tax Planning seminar with **Timothy P. Noonan '99**. Joseffer also recently spoke on the topic "Canadian-U.S. Cross Border Provincial and SALT Issues" at the New York State Bar Association tax section summer meeting in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. She is a partner in the general/international tax practice group in the firm Hodgson Russ in Buffalo, where she resides.

**Diane LaVallee '83** has retired from the New York State attorney general's office in Buffalo and is now living in France. She is a former member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association and the Bar Association of Erie County.

**Joseph A. McBride '83** has been promoted to full-time district attorney for the Chenango County district attorney's office in Norwich, N.Y. Previously McBride served in a part-time capacity, as the DA's office did not allow for a full-time position. McBride gave up a private law practice to accept the position. He is a resident of Norwich.

**Hon. E. Jeannette Ogden '83** has been elected president of the Minority Bar Association of Western New York. Ogden is an acting family court judge and a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. She is a resident of Buffalo.

**Richard Roberts '83**, partner in the firm Nuzzo & Roberts in Cheshire, Conn., has been elected president of the board of directors of Film Fest New Haven, a nonprofit arts organization. He is also chair of the public service committee of the New Haven County Bar Association and a member of its executive council. Roberts has also tried his hand at stand-up comedy and has done 15 shows in New York City and Connecticut.

**Edward C. Robinson '83** has become a partner in the Buffalo firm Hurwitz & Fine. He practices in the firm's estates and trusts department. Robinson lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

**Jonathan I. Solomon '83** has been promoted to executive



**Alice A. Joseffer '83**

assistant director in the FBI in Washington, D.C. This is the third-highest post in the bureau. Solomon was formerly an assistant special agent in the Tampa, Fla., office.

**Gerald Whalen '83** addressed a conference in New York City in November 2003 on criminal investigation and prosecutions. Whalen is a partner in the firm Hiscock & Barclay in the Buffalo office, handling civil litigation cases. He is a resident of Hamburg, N.Y.

**Elizabeth Clark '84** has been named to the board of directors of Housing Opportunities Made Equal. Clark is a partner in the firm Hodgson Russ in Buffalo, where she resides.

**Arlene Hibscheweiler '84** co-wrote the book *Investment Taxation: Practical Tax Strategies for Financial Instruments*, published by McGraw-Hill. Hibscheweiler is an adjunct associate professor of accounting and law at UB. She lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

**Peter J. Hogan '84** of Syracuse, N.Y., has been named chair of the commercial lending practice group in the firm Bond, Schoeneck & King in the Syracuse office. Hogan, a partner in the firm, practices in the areas of commercial lending, commercial real estate, general business and corporate matters.

**Cindy Foote Intschert '84** was elected to a second term as Jefferson County district attorney in Watertown, N.Y. She is a resident of Sackets Harbor, N.Y.

**Daniel P. Joyce '84** is a partner in the firm Jaeckle, Fleischmann & Mugel in the Buf-

falo office. Joyce is a member of the firm's intellectual property practice group. He lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

**Hon. Erin M. Peradotto '84** has recently been elected a New York State Supreme Court justice for the Eighth Judicial District in Buffalo, where she resides. Peradotto was previously a partner in the firm Volgenau & Bosse. She is a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association.

**Linda Lalli Stark '84** has become a member of the board of directors of the Women Lawyers of Western New York. Stark is the law clerk to **Hon. John P. Lane '53**, New York State Supreme Court justice, Eighth Judicial District, in Buffalo.

**Kenneth W. Africano '85**, previously a partner in the Buffalo firm Damon & Morey, has joined the firm Harter, Secrest & Emery as a partner in the Buffalo office. Africano specializes his practice in the areas of general contract litigation, intellectual property litigation and unfair competition claims. Africano and **Karen Kaczmarek '89** were presenters at the Buffalo seminar "State Civil Litigation in New York" sponsored by Lorman Education Services. He lives in Snyder, N.Y.

**Mitchell J. Banas Jr. '85**, a partner in the Buffalo office in the firm Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel, has been re-elected to the firm's executive committee. Banas practices in the firm's litigation department and lives in North Tonawanda, N.Y.

**William D. Berard III '85** has recently joined the firm Hogan & Willig and will manage the firm's Niagara Falls, N.Y., office. Berard, previously a solo practitioner, will be handling cases involving estate planning, real estate and personal injury. He resides in Youngstown, N.Y.

**Peter K. Bradley '85** is co-author of *Taxation of Distributions From Qualified Plans 2003-2004*, a treatise providing in-depth analysis of the tax rules applicable to governmental plans, new case rulings and other significant developments. He resides in Williamsville, N.Y.

**Paula Ciprich '85**, assistant secretary and general counsel for National Fuel Gas Distribution Corp., in Williamsville, N.Y., has become a new member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. She lives in Buffalo.

**Gayle L. Eagan '85**, a partner in the firm Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel, in Buffalo, spoke on Medicaid and long-term care issues at the Elder Law Fair in May 2004 in Depew, N.Y. Eagan focuses her practice in the areas of estate planning, trusts, and Article 81 guardianships and elder law. She is a member of the board of directors of Legal Services for the Elderly of Western New York and a member of the UB Law Alumni Association board of directors. Eagan is a Buffalo resident.

**Lisa Bloch Rodwin '85** of Amherst, N.Y., is the recipient of the Women Attorney of the Year Award from the Women Lawyers of Western New York. She received the award Dec. 4, 2003, at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo. Rodwin is chief of the domestic violence bureau in the Erie County district attorney's office in Buffalo.

**Catherine Wettlaufer '85**, a Buffalo resident, addressed the New York State Bar Association on Oct. 30, 2003, in Amherst, N.Y., and on Nov. 20, 2003, in Rochester, N.Y. She also addressed the Erie County Bar Association on Nov. 7, 2003, in Buffalo. Wettlaufer, a partner in the Buffalo firm Hiscock & Barclay, discussed ethics-related matters at these three events.

**Jeffrey Katz '86** has been elected president of the Kadimah School of Buffalo. He is a partner in the firm Katz & Baehre in Williamsville, N.Y., where he is a resident.

**Cheryl Loria-Dinolfo '86** has been named Monroe County clerk in Rochester, N.Y., by Gov. George E. Pataki. She was formerly a partner in the firm Connors & Corcoran in Rochester, where she resides.

**Gregory P. Rabb '86** was honored with the Volunteer Service Award from AIDS Community Services of Western New York. Rabb is an associate professor of political science and assistant director of the business





**First row, left to right:** Judith Stadler, Harry F. Klodowski Jr., Debra A. Norton, Ann E. Evanko, Mary Anne Connell, Tanya B. Miller, Christina K. Hurnyak, John M. Aversa.

**Second row, left to right:** Raymond P. Reichert, Candace Appleton, Hon. John F. Batt, Terrie Benson Murray.

**Third row, left to right:** Aven Rennie Harkawik, Claudia G. Allen, Joann E. Gould, Sharron A. Osgood, Joseph M. Schnitter, James J. Paris.

**Fourth row, left to right:** Dennis P. Harkawik, Alan M. Wishnoff, Thomas E. Black Jr., Thomas W. Bender, Hon. Ann E. Pfeiffer, Hon. J. Mark Gruber Jr., John R. Drexelius Jr.

**Fifth row, left to right:** Perry D. Silver, Jean C. Powers, Eunice P. Johnson, Francis M. Letro, William M. Brooks.

**Sixth row, left to right:** Jean M. Graziani Greinert, Michael H. Ranzenhofer, Hon. Frederick J. Marshall.

A quarter of a century out of Law School, the Class of 1979 celebrated its past by gathering together once again over the weekend of June 4-6, 2004. The reunion began with a casual happy hour at the Buffalo Chop House, which offered alumni a great dining experience and elegant atmosphere.

Saturday morning included a tour of the Law School and brunch hosted by Dean Nils Olsen. The day continued with options of a golf outing spearheaded by Hon. Ann E. Pfeiffer of the Rochester City Courts, or wine tasting in Niagara on-the-Lake, in Ontario. That evening, the Class of 1979 gathered at the beautifully restored Mansion on Delaware Avenue for an elegant dinner and a

bit of trivia that made for an entertaining night enjoyed by all.

To wrap up the weekend, classmates adjourned to the waterfront home of Sharon Anscombe Osgood on Grand Island, where she prepared a gourmet feast for a farewell reunion brunch.

The weekend was deemed a great success. Thomas E. Black Jr., of Black, Mann and Graham, in Lewisville, Texas, said, "It was great to travel back to Buffalo and see all my classmates at our 25th reunion. We had a fun time reliving fond memories with our Trivial Pursuit Game. I am looking forward to the next reunion and hope more classmates will join us."



# Alumni Briefs

and social sciences division for Jamestown Community College. He lives in Jamestown, N.Y.

**Shari Jo Reich '86**, a Buffalo solo practitioner, was awarded the Builders Award from Gay & Lesbian Youth Services at its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary Gayla on Nov. 20, 2003, at the Harbour Club of HSBC Arena in Buffalo. Reich is a past president of the organization.

**Raul A. Rodriguez '86** has been elected to a four-year term on the Wethersfield, Conn., Board of Education. Rodriguez is an assistant attorney general in the U.S. attorney general's office in Hartford, Conn. He is a resident of Wethersfield.

**Melinda Saran '86**, vice dean for student services at UB Law School, has been appointed chair of the New York State Bar Association's disabilities committee. Saran is a resident of Williamsville, N.Y.

**Arthur L. Scinta '86**, former mayor of Pelham, N.Y., has joined the company Houlihan/Lawrence in Pelham as a sales associate. Houlihan/Lawrence is Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess counties; it is the largest independently owned residential real estate firm in New York State. Scinta is a Pelham resident.

**Randall Andreozzi '87** has accepted a position as a partner in the firm Webster Szanyi, in Buffalo. Andreozzi concentrates his practice in the areas of tax and consulting matters. He lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

**Grace Andriette '87**, an attorney with Neighborhood Legal Services Inc., in Buffalo, has been elected to the board of directors of Housing Opportunities Made Equal, in Buffalo, where she resides.

**Margot S. Bennett '87** has been named treasurer of the Women Lawyers of Western New York. She is a resident of Buffalo.

**Donna Burden '87** was appointed to a two-year term on the board of directors of Heritage Centers. Burden is a partner in the firm Hurwitz & Fine in Buffalo.

**Dorothy H. Ferguson '87** has been appointed chair of the



**Hugh M. Russ III '87**



**Carol A. Fitzsimmons '87**

New York State Bar Association's real property law section. Ferguson is a solo practitioner in Rochester, N.Y., where she resides.

**Carol A. Fitzsimmons '87**, a partner in the Buffalo office of the firm Hodgson Russ, has been elected to the firm's board of directors. Fitzsimmons is a resident of Toronto.

**William L. Giroux '87**, an Eden, N.Y., resident, has become principal of H.R. Advisors, a human resources and benefits consulting firm in Colden, N.Y. Giroux was previously a partner in the firm Jaekle, Fleischmann & Muegel in Buffalo.

**Hon. Debra L. Givens '87** has been elected to Buffalo City Court. She resides in Buffalo.

**Terrence A. Greiner '87**, of East Amherst, N.Y., has been elected a vice president of the UB Law Alumni Association. Greiner is a partner in the firm Greiner & Chadsey, in Williamsville, N.Y.

**Richard A. Grimm III '87**, a partner in the firm Magavern, Magavern & Grimm, has been elected to the UB Law Alumni Association board of directors. Grimm is a resident of Amherst, N.Y.

**Paul Kullman '87** has become claims counsel for Fidelity National Financial, a division of Titor Title in Buffalo. He was previously in private practice and lives in West Seneca, N.Y.

**Hon. Elyse Lazansky '87** has been elected town justice of North Castle in Armonk, N.Y. Lazansky was previously a prosecutor for 13 years in Westchester County, specializing in sex crimes, domestic violence and child abuse cases. She is a resident of Armonk.

**Hugh M. Russ III '87**, a partner in the Buffalo office of the firm Hodgson Russ, has been elected to the firm's board of directors. Russ also was appointed by New York Gov. George Pataki to the Roswell Park Cancer Institute board of directors in Buffalo. He is a Buffalo resident.

**Dianna Gernatt Saraf '87** received the Silver Medallion for community relations work from the National Sand and Gravel Association at its annual meeting in Phoenix. Saraf is chairwoman of the Small Producers' Council, a national committee of NSSGA. She also participated in a construction industry discussion with the Department of Labor and Employment Training Administration secretary Emily DeRocco. Saraf is shareholder and legal consultant at Gernatt Asphalt Products in Collins, N.Y. She is a Hamburg, N.Y., resident.

**Thomas Colson '88**, a patent attorney, inventor and president of IP.com in West Henrietta, N.Y., has become of counsel in the intellectual property law firm Simpson & Simpson in Buffalo.

**Maria I. Doti '88** of Brooklyn, N.Y., was commissioned as a captain in the New York National Guard JAG Corps. She was also awarded the New York Guard Meritorious Service award. Doti is a principal court attorney for New York State Supreme Court in New York City.

**Terrance P. Flynn '88** has been elected president of the UB Law Alumni Association. Flynn is a partner in the firm Gibson, McAskill & Crosby, in Buffalo, where he resides.

**Hon. Michael E. Kilcoyne '88** has been appointed a veterans law judge for the Board of Veterans' Appeals, in Washington, D.C. Kilcoyne was formerly senior counsel to the board. He lives in Springfield, Va.

**Daniel Lukasik '88** and **Stephen C. Halpern '83**, both of the Buffalo firm Morris, Cantor, Lukasik, Dolce & Panepinto, won a \$125,000 settlement against the Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority on behalf of their client and Housing Opportunities Made Equal. The verdict is the largest settlement in HOME's history.

Lukasik is a partner in the firm and resides in Lancaster, N.Y.

**Arturo Salas '88** has been promoted from captain of the Buffalo Police Department to chief of staff. Salas is the first Hispanic to hold this rank. He is a Buffalo resident.

**Karen Spencer '88** delivered a listener commentary on the UB public radio station WBFO 88.7 FM discussing the Right to Financial Privacy Act. Spencer is the archives and special collections librarian at UB Law School. She is a resident of East Aurora, N.Y.

**Harry E. Werner III '88** has begun practicing as a solo practitioner in Buffalo. Formerly a partner in the firms Saperston & Day and Lipsitz, Green, Fahringer, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria, Werner concentrates his practice in the areas of general contract litigation and corporate law.

**Roger Wilcox '88** is a senior partner in the firm Lipsitz, Green, Fahringer, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria in Buffalo. Wilcox specializes in matters regarding criminal law, appeals, constitutional and First Amendment law.

**Joseph W. Allen '89** was moderator of the inaugural Western New York Bankruptcy Conference, in Stafford, N.Y. Allen is a partner in the litigation department in the firm Jaekle, Fleischmann & Muegel, in the Buffalo office.





A new dimension of class spirit was in the air as the Class of 1984 held its first reunion marking 20 years since graduation. A casual open bar happy hour welcomed out-of-town alumni and began this weekend celebration on Friday, June 4, 2004, at Brinks, on Chippewa Street in downtown Buffalo.

Returning to the Law School on UB's North Campus on Saturday, alumni and guests enjoyed brunch and a tour of the facilities by Dean Nils Olsen. Many were impressed with the technology updates to the classrooms and the Francis M. Letro Courtroom, where trials and official court proceedings offer students an inside look at our legal system.

Saturday afternoon featured a choice of activities including a wine tasting tour in Niagara on-the-Lake, Ont. That evening, a buffet dinner at UB's Anderson Art Gallery provided a cultural backdrop to their reunion dinner. Emcees Sharon Wick and Andrew Hilton III recalled memories and welcomed all to the beginning of their reunion years with the Law School.

"I can't believe that it has been 20 years. This was our first reunion, and it was a great success," said Wick, of Phillips Lytle, LLP. "A good number of the class attended. Hopefully, we will see them — and even more — at our 25th reunion in 2008!"

**First row, left to right:**

Sharon L. Wick, Alan J. Bozer, Margaret Lillis Snajczuk, Andree D. Sanders, Elizabeth G. Clark, Susan D. Nusbaum, Marilyn A. Hochfield.

**Second row, left to right:**

Paul T. Nesper, Leonard M. Gulino, Lisa Bloch Rodwin, Susan R. Duffy, Amy J. Goldstein, Linda Lalli Stark, Mary F. Idzior, Hon. Erin M. Peradotto.

**Third row, left to right:**

Jo Anne Leegant, Ann Moceyunas, Janet Novakowski Gabel, Karen L. Kosoff-Roth, Hon. John M. Curran, Margaret McGrath Curran, Richard A. Galbo, Michael J. Gallagher, Thomas S. Ginter.

**Fourth row, left to right:**

Andrew C. Hilton III, Kevin M. Tripi, Timothy J. Sheehan, Kimberly Copeland Sheehan, Peter S. Russ, Carol Gundel Russ, Thomas L. Banille, Hon. Michael L. Hanuszczak, Michael E. Reilly, Robert M. Turkewitz, David P. Marcus.



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**Michael C. Banks '89**, a partner in the New York City firm Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy, has been recognized as one of "America's Top Black Lawyers" by *Black Enterprise* magazine. Banks practices in the global corporate finance department in the firm and lives in Freeport, N.Y.

**Lauren Breen '89** has been appointed executive director of the Daemen College Center for Sustainable Communities and Civic Engagement. Breen is a clinical instructor at UB Law School. She is a Buffalo resident.

**Hon. Paul G. Buchanan '89** has been elected Erie County Family Court judge in Buffalo. Buchanan was previously a New York State Supreme Court law clerk in Buffalo, where he resides.

**Vincent Dunn '89** has been named by *Black Enterprise* magazine as one of "America's Top Black Lawyers." Dunn is a partner in the New York City firm Chadbourne & Parke, representing clients regarding banking, finance, leasing and related matters. He resides in Rockville Center, N.Y.

**Carolyn M. Henry '89** has become associated with the Buffalo firm Mattar & D'Agostino. She handles cases involving civil and commercial litigation. Henry lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

**Karen Kaczmarks '89** has been appointed vice president of the Professional Business Women of Polonia, in Cheektowaga, N.Y. She and **Kenneth Africano '85** of the Buffalo firm Harter, Secrest & Emery spoke at the Lorman Education Services seminar "State Civil Litigation in New York" at the Buffalo Conference Center. Kaczmarks is of counsel in the firm and practices in the areas of commercial and business litigation. She lives in Hamburg, N.Y.

**Karen Nicolson '89**, executive director of Legal Services for the Elderly, in Buffalo, received the 2004 Special Service Award. Nicolson was presented the award on June 9 at the 117th annual dinner of the Bar Association of Erie County. Nicolson also was elected to a one-year term on the Women Lawyers of Western New York board of di-

rectors. Nicolson is executive director of Legal Services for the Elderly in Buffalo. She lives in Silver Creek, N.Y.

**Diane Tiveron '89** was named a director of Southeast Works, a nonprofit organization that assists adults with developmental disabilities. She is an attorney in the firm Hogan & Willig in Buffalo and is a resident of Lockport, N.Y.



Lauren Breen '89

## '90s

**Lisa J. Allen '90**, supervising attorney in the firm Hogan & Willig in Amherst, N.Y., was named a 2003 Woman of Influence, an award recognizing the outstanding achievements of Western New York's top women executives, by *Business First* newspaper in Buffalo. Allen and her husband, **Michael C. Veruto '98**, reside in East Amherst with their three children.

**David H. Gossel '90** is practicing in the areas of corporate and business litigation and commercial litigation. He recently joined the firm Harris Beach in Buffalo. Gossel is a resident of West Seneca, N.Y.

**Kimi Lynn King '90** received tenure as a professor of political science for the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas, where she resides.

**Richard P. Krieger '90** has recently joined the firm Harris Beach in Buffalo, where he resides. Krieger concentrates his

practice in the areas of corporate and general business law, commercial transactions, mergers and acquisitions, collections and intellectual property.

**Mary Catherine Malley '90** has become chair of the corporation law committee of the Bar Association of Erie County. Malley is a partner in the corporate and securities practice group in the firm Hodgson Russ in Buffalo, where she resides.

**Aileen McNamara '90**, a North Buffalo resident, has become the first woman president of the West Side Rowing Club in Buffalo. She will serve a two-year term. McNamara is an attorney at Mental Hygiene Legal Service in Buffalo.

**Martin A. Sanchez '90** is human resources manager for Carpet Technology Corp. in Wood Ridge, N.J. He is responsible for the New Jersey, Ohio and Pennsylvania plants as well as for employees in Mexico and the United Kingdom. Sanchez is a resident of New Rochelle, N.Y.

**Kevin T. Stocker '90** of Buffalo was named the 2003 Prosecutor of the Year by the Prosecutors' Association of Western New York. Stocker is the prosecutor for the Village of Kenmore and the Town of Tonawanda. He is also a partner in the firm Felle, Stocker & Margulis in Williamsville, N.Y.

**Elizabeth Bergen '91** is the new vice president of Home-space Corp.'s board of directors. She has also been elected to the board of directors of Brush Up Buffalo, serving on the sponsorship subcommittee. Bergen also has been selected to serve on the board of directors of Women Lawyers of Western New York for a two-year term. Bergen practices in the firm Gibson, McAskill & Crosby, in Buffalo, where she resides.

**Hon. Deborah A. Haendiges '91** has been appointed an Erie County Family Court judge in Buffalo. Haendiges was previously a partner in the Buffalo firm Pusatier, Sherman, Abbott & Sugarman. She is a resident of Amherst, N.Y.

**Wendy M. Irving '91** has been elected assistant secretary of the UB Law Alumni Associa-

tion. Irving is senior director of planned giving for the University at Buffalo Development Office. She lives in West Amherst, N.Y.

**Jonathan G. Johnsen '91**, **Mark Gaston Pearce '78** and **E. Joseph Giroux '76**, partners in the firm Creighton, Pearce, Johnsen & Giroux, were presented the 2003 Eugene J. Mays Citizenship Award by the Communication Workers of America, Western New York Council. They were presented the award at the 30th annual Eugene J. Mays Memorial Awards Banquet. Johnsen is a resident of Buffalo.

**Alice Patterson '91** was named recording secretary of the Minority Bar Association of Western New York. Patterson is a court attorney in Buffalo City Court.

**Darryl McPherson '92** has been promoted to deputy corporation counsel in the City of Buffalo Department of Law. McPherson, a Buffalo resident, was previously assistant corporation counsel.

**Scott B. Schwartz '91** of Bala Cynwyd, Pa., participated in the Search Engine Strategies 2004 Conference & Expo in San Jose, Calif., Aug. 2-5, 2004. He was also a featured speaker at a national CLE seminar on Aug. 24-25, 2004, organized by Web-Credenza on behalf of a consortium of state bar associations. Schwartz, partner in the firm Cozen O'Connor in Philadelphia, practices in the areas of trademark, copyright and unfair competition law.

**David J. State '91**, senior deputy corporation counsel for the City of Buffalo, has been mobilized for federal active-duty military service for up to 18 months, including duty in Iraq. State is a judge advocate with the 42nd Infantry Division, New York Army National Guard.

**Steven Weiss '91**, a partner in the firm Cannon, Heyman & Weiss, has been elected to the board of directors of Housing Opportunities Made Equal, in Buffalo. Weiss lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

**Christopher C. Willett '91** has accepted a position as counsel with the Talon Group, a divi-



# Marriages

## Congratulations to the following newlyweds:

**Barbara Howe '80** and John Alexanderson, Oct. 9, 2004  
**Tahirih M. Sadrieh '92** and David Louis Schliecker, July 17, 2004  
**George S. Blasiak '93** and Kimberly Reeves, Oct. 3, 2003  
**Jennie M. Muscarella '93** and John H. Wissel, Nov. 1, 2003  
**William F. Trezevant '93** and Katherine Williamson, Sept. 13, 2003  
**Drew Pinkney '94** and Darwin Baker, July 5, 2003  
**Walter L. Rooth III '94** and Amy Rebecca Boy, Oct. 18, 2003  
**Timothy J. Andruschat '95** and Barbara A. Walz, June 5, 2004  
**Craig D. Hannah '95** and Angela R. Reynolds, April 3, 2004  
**Hilary C. Banker '96** and Jeffrey S. Leichnam, Aug. 28, 2004  
**John C. Jacobs '96** and Jennifer L. Malanowski, July 17, 2004  
**Sada Manickam '96** and Soni Sinha, May 25, 2002  
**Dianna L. Ramos '96** and Mitchell J. Caywood, Sept. 4, 2004  
**M. Rogan Morton '97** and Joseph F. Cardinal III, May 22, 2004.  
**Paul J. Doubrava '99** and Amanda Kean, July 31, 2004  
**Melissa J. Freeman '00** and **Todd A. Gold '02**, Sept. 21, 2003  
**Thomas J. Sheehan '00** and Elizabeth Richards, Nov. 29, 2003  
**Jeri N. Hagen '01** and Christopher Paul Wright, July 25, 2004  
**Peter M. Kooshoian '01** and Molly N. Richards, July 31, 2004  
**Gregory J. McCaffrey '01** and Beth A. Hayes, July 3, 2004  
**Mark Moldenhauer '01** and Katherine Graber, Aug. 14, 2004  
**Carly M. Wilsman '01** and Timothy J. Speyer, Nov. 1, 2003  
**Matthew Wolf '01** and Meredith Arcese, April 23, 2004  
**Marco Cercone '02** and Kari Anne Setter, April 24, 2004  
**Michael Leventhal '02** and Shari Dwoskin, May 9, 2004  
**Kevin E. Loftus '02** and Mary Kathleen Zebracki, Sept. 4, 2004  
**Brendan Mehaffy '02** and Michele McClintick, Sept. 25, 2004  
**David S. Sarkovics '02** and Kathryn M. Wirth, June 12, 2004  
**Thomas C. Burnham '03** and Ann Cummings, July 10, 2004  
**Brian R. Hogan '03** and Melissa Jean Martino, Oct. 18, 2003  
**Martin McCarthy '03** and Melissa B. Fortunato, Sept. 27, 2003  
**Kimberlee D. McGrath '03** and Joseph P. Dunlop, Oct. 11, 2003  
**Lisa T. Morrison '03** and Daniel J. Fronckowiak, Sept. 5, 2004  
**Susan M. Schwing '03** and Nathan A. Johnson, June 5, 2004  
**E.J. Schultz '03** and Michelle L. Cuneo, Aug. 28, 2004  
**Victor M. Wright '03** and Elizabeth M. Green, July 24, 2004  
**Christy M. Canali '04** and **James J. Lilley II '04**, Sept. 3, 2004  
**Cheryl L. Masselli '04** and Matthew P. Gannon, May 22, 2004  
**Christopher M. Pannozzo '04** and Rose T. Moore, Aug. 14, 2004

sion of First American Title Insurance Co. of New York in Buffalo, where he is a resident.

**David Kritz '92** has become of counsel in the tax group in the Washington, D.C., firm Suther-

land, Asbill & Brennan. Kritz is a resident of Silver Spring, Md.

**Darryl McPherson '92** has accepted a position as chief counsel to the Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority. McPherson was

previously deputy corporation counsel for the City of Buffalo, where he resides.

**Russell J. Matuszak '92** practices in corporate transactional, real estate and bankruptcy law. He has joined the firm Rupp, Baase, Pfalzgraf, Cunningham & Coppola in Buffalo. Matuszak, a West Seneca, N.Y., resident, also has become secretary of the Niagara Frontier Corporate Counsel Association and has been appointed to the Canisius High School alumni board of governors in Buffalo for a three-year term.

**Kevin T. Merriman '92** is a partner in the firm Goldberg Segalla in Buffalo. Previously a partner in the Buffalo firm Hurwitz & Fine, Merriman deals with cases involving insurance coverage and insurance defense litigation.

**Andrea L. Sammarco '92**, **Tracy D. Sammarco '95** and **Gregory A. Mattacola '98** have formed the firm Sammarco, Mattacola & Sammarco with offices in Buffalo and Rome, N.Y. Andrea Sammarco handles cases involving employment and labor matters. She lives in Lockport, N.Y.

**Carmen Snell '92**, senior legal counsel at HealthNow New York, parent company of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Western New York, has been named president of the Niagara Frontier Corporate Counsel Association. Snell is a Buffalo resident and a former member of the board of directors of UB Law School's GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group. She was recently elected to the board of the UB Law Alumni Association.

**Mark R. Uba '92** and his wife, **Christine D. Uba '94**, have opened their own law firm in Williamsville, N.Y. The firm will handle cases involving state and federal investigations, white-collar criminal defense and personal injury. Uba is a resident of Snyder, N.Y.

**Preston L. Zarlock '92**, an Orchard Park, N.Y., resident, was a presenter at the program "Superior Deposition Strategies in New York Civil Trial Practice," in Buffalo, sponsored by the National Business Institute. Zarlock is a partner in the firm

Phillips Lytle in the Buffalo office.

**Michael J. Berchou '93** has been elected to the board of directors of InfoTech Niagara. Berchou is a patent attorney in Phillips Lytle's intellectual property group, in Buffalo.

**Eric A. Fitzgerald '93** was named to the American Institute for Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters national advisory committee. Fitzgerald is a member of the firm Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin in Philadelphia.

**Ryan L. Gellman '93** has been named partner in the firm Colucci & Gallaher in Buffalo, practicing in the areas of commercial, product liability, environmental exposure, securities and negligence. He lives in Amherst, N.Y.

**Marin Gibson '93** is the assistant vice president/counsel for state government affairs for the Securities Industry Association in New York City. She is in charge of regulatory and legislative matters at the state level. Gibson was formerly deputy general counsel/acting general counsel of the Higher Education Services Corp.

**Michael T. Hewitt '93** has been appointed assistant vice president for human resource services at Brooklyn College of the City University of New York. Hewitt is also an adjunct professor in the political science and speech department at the college. He lives in Sunnyside, N.Y.

**Lisa Mueller '93** was named president-elect, state delegate and chair of the nominations committee of the Western New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association. Mueller is associate director of alumni and communications at UB Law School. She is a resident of Tonawanda, N.Y.

**Jennie Muscarella '93**, of Williamsville, N.Y., has accepted a position as partner in the Buffalo firm Magavern, Magavern & Grimm. She is involved with personal injury and insurance litigation cases.

**Selina Regan '93** has been appointed northeast regional manager of the New York City environmental division of Quanta US Holdings, a Bermuda-based specialty lines insurance compa-



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ny. Regan also has been named to the board of directors of the Jericho Project, a New York City-based nonprofit organization dedicated to helping the homeless. She lives in Brooklyn, N.Y.

**William Trezevant '93** was named deputy director of the Institute for Politics, Democracy & the Internet in Washington, D.C. In addition, he was selected as a member of the American delegation with the Young Leaders Program held in Moscow. As a part of a trilateral conference including the United Kingdom and Russia, the conference dealt with global issues affecting the long-standing relationships of the three nations. Trezevant is a Buffalo resident.

**Mary Q. Wydysh '93** has accepted a position as a partner in the firm Goldberg Segalla in Buffalo. She handles cases involving construction litigation, products liability, and labor and employment discrimination. Wydysh is president of the Defense Lawyers Association of Western New York, a member of the board of directors of the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association and a former member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. She is a Buffalo resident.

**Christopher Gresham '94**, assistant district attorney for the Erie County district attorney's office in Buffalo, was elected to the board of directors of the Minority Bar Association of Western New York. Gresham lives in Orchard Park, N.Y.

**Jacqueline B. Jones '94** has accepted a promotion to partner in the firm Mackenzie Hughes in Syracuse, N.Y. She manages cases involving labor relations and employment matters. Jones is a resident of Jamesville, N.Y.

**Constantine Karides '94** joined top 20 global law firm Reed Smith as a partner. He is head of the corporate restructuring and bankruptcy group in the firm's New York City office and is the firm's youngest partner. Karides is a resident of New York City.

**Kristin Graham Koehler '94** has been named a partner in the Washington, D.C., office of the firm Sidley, Austin, Brown &

Wood. Koehler specializes her practice in the areas of civil and criminal litigation. She lives in Washington, D.C.

**Cathy Lovejoy Maloney '94** has been promoted to vice president of organizational development and legal affairs for Child & Family Services in Buffalo. Maloney was formerly director of human resources. She lives in Pendleton, N.Y.

**Sharon Nosenchuck '94** has been elected president of the Women Lawyers of Western New York. Nosenchuck is an attorney for Neighborhood Legal



Mary Q. Wydysh '93

Services in Buffalo and lives in Amherst, N.Y.

**Lynda M. Tarantino '94** practices in the areas of education, labor and employment law in the Buffalo office of Hodgson Russ and was recently named partner in the firm. She resides in Clarence, N.Y.

**Elizabeth Tommaney '94** has been elected to the board of directors of the Niagara Frontier Corporate Counsel Association. Tommaney is corporate counsel at Osmose Inc. in Buffalo, where she resides.

**Luke P. Bellocchi '95** has left the U.S. Department of State, where he served as an attorney for consular issues, and now serves as counsel for the U.S. House of Representatives committee on the judiciary in Washington, D.C. Bellocchi lives in Arlington, Va.

**Michael Del Valle '95** has accepted a position as compliance manager at the Amherst,

N.Y., consumer collections agency Account Solutions Group. He was previously a vice president of training and development at HSBC Bank USA. He lives in Lancaster, N.Y.

**Maureen Elwell '95** was elected to the Women's Wireless Leadership Forum steering committee. Elwell practices in the Buffalo office of the firm Phillips Lytle. She lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

**Charles Grieco '95**, partner in the Buffalo firm Jaeckle, Fleischmann & Mugel, was named treasurer of the New Millennium Group for a one-year term. Grieco is a Buffalo resident.

**Paul G. Joyce '95** of Buffalo accepted a position as partner in the Buffalo firm Colucci & Gallaher. Joyce specializes his practice in the areas of civil and commercial litigation.

**Kimberley A. Propeack '95** received the Maryland Leadership in Law Award. Propeack, an attorney and advocacy director with CASA of Maryland, is the youngest recipient of this award. She resides in Mount Rainier, Md.

**Tracy D. Sammarco '95** has started the firm Sammarco, Mattacola & Sammarco with **Andrea L. Sammarco '92** and **Gregory A. Mattacola '98**.

The firm has offices in Rome, N.Y., and Buffalo. Sammarco is a resident of Springville, N.Y.

**Mark C. Somers '95** has become a partner in the Rochester, N.Y., office of the firm Hamberger & Weiss. He concentrates his practice in the areas of workers' compensation insurance carriers and self-insured employers. Somers is a Rochester resident.

**Kevin D. Szczepanski '95** is a partner in the firm Hodgson Russ in the Buffalo office, practicing in the area of insurance coverage litigation. He was recently elected to the board of the UB Law Alumni Association. Szczepanski also has been elected to the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. He lives in Snyder, N.Y.

**Ruthanne Wannop '95**, assistant county attorney for the Erie County attorney's office in Buffalo, was elected to the Women Lawyers of Western New York board of directors.

Wannop is a resident of Hamburg, N.Y.

**Larry Wollert II '95** of San Francisco is a partner in the firm Gordon & Rees in the San Francisco office. Wollert deals with cases involving employers in harassment and discrimination claims.

**Hilary C. Banker '96** has been elected president of UB Law Alumni Association's Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) Group. Banker also has been appointed secretary, state director and chair of the awards committee of the Western New York chapter of the Women's Bar Association. Banker is a partner in the firm Burgio, Kita & Curvin, in Buffalo, where she resides.

**Joseph P. DiVincenzo '96** recently joined the Buffalo firm Hodgson Russ, practicing in the business litigation group. He handles cases involving general commercial contract and intellectual property matters. DiVincenzo lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

**Michael J. Garcia '96** is an associate in the Utica, N.Y., firm Kowalczyk, Tolles & Deery. He deals with cases involving civil litigation, environmental law and white-collar criminal defense. Garcia lives in New Hartford, N.Y.

**Daniel W. Gerber '96**, a Hamburg, N.Y., resident, received the New York State Bar Association Chairperson of the Year Award. Gerber is a partner in the litigation department in the firm Jaeckle, Fleischmann & Mugel in the Buffalo office. He was also recently a guest speaker for Lorman Education Services in Rochester, N.Y.; the Monroe County Bar Association; and the New York State Bar Association, where he discussed insurance coverage and liability. He lives in Hamburg, N.Y.

**Kevin Gluc '96** is participating in Leadership Buffalo's Rising Leaders program. Gluc practices in the firm Hodgson Russ in Buffalo, where he is a resident.

**Ranjana Kadle '96** was a featured speaker at the Biotechnology 2003 Business Forum in Washington, D.C. Kadle, a bridge course instructor at UB Law School, spoke on intellectual property protection. Kadle also has been named to the Re-





On the weekend of June 4-5, 2004, the Class of 1994 celebrated its 10th reunion. Over 50 percent of the classmates who attended traveled from outside Western New York to be present at the celebration.

Friday evening, classmates gathered at Brink's on Chippewa Street for a casual happy hour. On Saturday, many attended the traditional reunion brunch held at the Law School hosted by Dean Nils Olsen. That evening, classmates and guests ventured to downtown Buffalo for dinner and entertainment at the Sphere Complex.

Looking back on the weekend, Sharon L. Nosenchuck, of Buffalo's Neighborhood Legal Services, says, "It was great to see everybody after 10 years and hear about their accomplishments, both personal and professional. It was amazing how we could just pick up where we left off, as if there had not been a period of 10 years intervening since our last contact. So much had happened to everyone over the last 10 years!

"It was also interesting to read the updates that people provided in the memory book and to find out what the classmates who had not shown up to the reunion have been doing. I was surprised to find out how many of them were not practicing law."

**First row, left to right:** Sharon L. Nosenchuck, Therese Hopkins Cich, Kedra Small, Stephen L. Yonaty.

**Second row, left to right:** Lynn M. Montante-Gomez, Senta Siuda, Bernadine M. Butler, Leslie J. Darman, Michael P. Joyce, David V. Lozner, Noelle M. Kowalczyk, Steven M. Fiore-Rosenfeld.

**Third row, left to right:** Nancy J. Sheehan, Joy Trotter, David Grover, Michael J. Rosen, Maureen M. Olives, Melissa L. Klemens, Marc E. Remmling, David Fensterstock, Jay S. Fleischman.



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gional Business Advisory Board for the University at Buffalo Office of Science, Technology Transfer and Economic Outreach. Kadle also prepared and prosecuted the patents for the inventions of the first- and second-place winners honored at the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Niagara Frontier Invention of the Year Awards presented by the Niagara Frontier Intellectual Property Law Association and Technical Societies Council of the Niagara Frontier. Kadle is a partner in the intellectual practice group in the firm Hodgson Russ in Buffalo. She is a resident of East Amherst, N.Y.

**Sada Manickam '96** is a trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. In addition, Manickam served as the lead attorney in Miami-Dade County in the Florida presidential election investigation. He is a resident of Arlington, Va.

**Brian M. Melber '96** has become assistant treasurer of the UB Law Alumni Association. Melber, a Tonawanda, N.Y., resident, is a partner in the Buffalo firm Personius Melber.

**Dianna L. Ramos '96** is the state director and chair of the legislative and judiciary committees of the Western New York chapter of the Women's Bar Association. Ramos practices in the firm Lewis & Lewis in Buffalo, where she is a resident.

**Jeffrey B. Scheer '96** is a partner in the firm Scolaro, Shulman, Cohen, Fetter & Burstein in Syracuse, N.Y. Scheer is a resident of Manlius, N.Y.

**Daniel Werner '96** has been named among the world's "Best Emerging Social Entrepreneurs" and received the 2004 Echoing Green Fellowship given by Echoing Green. Werner and his partner will receive \$90,000 in seed funding and technical assistance to start the Workers' Rights Law Center of New York to aid immigrant and low-wage workers in the Hudson Valley.

**Dale A. Worrall '96**, former assistant district attorney for Tompkins County in Ithaca, N.Y., has become associated with the firm Harris Beach in the Ithaca office. He practices in the areas of general corporate law, busi-

ness and commercial litigation, and civil litigation. Worrall is an Ithaca resident.

**Menelik Alleyne '97** is the director of the Office of Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action and Community Outreach at Purchase College in Purchase, N.Y. Alleyne was previously general counsel/chief of staff of the Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone in New York City, where he resides.

**Holly Beecher '97** addressed the National Business Institute Seminar "The Probate Process From Start to Finish" on Oct. 30, 2003, in Cheektowaga, N.Y. Beecher is an associate in the firm Phillips Lytle in Buffalo, where she resides.



**Mickey H.  
Osterreicher '98**

**Dr. Anita Coles Costello '97** is a co-author of *Taxation of Distributions From Qualified Plans 2003-2004*, a treatise providing in-depth analysis of the tax rules applicable to governmental plans, new case rulings and other significant developments. She resides in Amherst, N.Y.

**Merf Ehman '97**, a Seattle resident, received the 2003 "Passing the Torch Award" from Washington Women Lawyers. Ehman is director of the King County Bar Association's Housing Justice Project in Seattle and is vice president of judicial affairs of the King County chapter of Washington Women Lawyers.

**James Gerlach '97** has been elected treasurer of the Western New York chapter of the Women's Bar Association. Gerlach is a partner in the Buffalo firm Cellino & Barnes and a

commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve. He is also vice president of the UB Law Alumni Association. He is a Buffalo resident.

**Renata Kowalczyk '97** has been named secretary of the Mid-Day Club of Buffalo. Kowalczyk practices in the Buffalo firm Brown & Kelly and is a resident of Cheektowaga, N.Y.

**Thomas S. Lane '97** handles cases involving product liability defense, municipal law, civil rights, FELA lawsuits, personal injury and business and commercial litigation in the firm Webster Szanyi. He recently became a partner in the Buffalo firm. Lane is a member of the UB Law GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group board of directors.

**Scott D. Lovelock '97** is the vice president/associate general counsel for Empire Corporate Federal Credit Union, in Albany, N.Y. Lovelock also serves with the New York Air National Guard's 152nd Air Operations Group and recently returned from a deployment to Germany.

**Gil Michel-Garcia '97**, a senior associate in the international law firm Clifford Chance, was seconded to head the office of the firm in London, where he resides.

**Jessica Murphy '97** has recently accepted a position as an attorney adviser for the Social Security Administration in Buffalo, where she is a resident. She has also been elected local director and newsletter chair of the Western New York chapter of the Women's Bar Association.

**Karen E. Richardson '97** is the new president of the Western New York chapter of the Women's Bar Association for the State of New York. She is the confidential law clerk to Hon. **H. Kenneth Schroeder Jr. '61**, U.S. Magistrate judge, U.S. District Court in Buffalo. Richardson lives in Hamburg, N.Y.

**Paulette Ross '97**, an associate in the Buffalo firm Gibson, McAskill & Crosby, is serving on the board of directors of the Women Lawyers of Western New York. Ross is a Buffalo resident.

**Kristen Smith '97** is the local director and programs committee co-chair of the Western New York chapter of the Women's Bar Association. She is employed by the Law Offices of Walter R. Pacer Jr. in Buffalo.

**Hugo B. Spindola '97** has been promoted to executive deputy commissioner of the New York State Athletic Commission in New York City. Spindola is a resident of White Plains, N.Y.

**Michael Stuermer '97** has recently become a senior partner in the firm Lipsitz, Green, Fahringer, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria in Buffalo, where he resides. Stuermer handles cases involving criminal defense and constitutional law.

**Matthew C. Van Vessel '97** practices as an associate in the Buffalo firm Jaeckle, Fleischmann & Mugel. He focuses on matters regarding labor and employment law. He is a Buffalo resident.

**Elizabeth Wright '97**, attorney in the Buffalo firm Bouvier, O'Connor, has been elected chairman-elect of the board of directors of the Parent Network of Western New York. Wright also was selected as local director and programs committee co-chair of the Western New York chapter of the Women's Bar Association. She lives on Grand Island, N.Y.

**Kelly Zarccone '97**, a Buffalo attorney, has been appointed secretary of the Women Lawyers of Western New York. She resides in North Tonawanda, N.Y.

**Jeremy J. Best '98** has joined the law firm Ward, Norris, Heller & Reidy in Rochester, N.Y., as an associate. He recently left the Manhattan office of Proskauer Rose. Best is a resident of Fairport, N.Y.

**Nancy J. Bizub '98** received the Hon. Michael F. Dillon Law Guardian Award. She was recognized for her vigorous advocacy on behalf of children. Bizub is a solo practitioner in West Seneca, N.Y.

**Amy L. DuVall '98** was recently appointed counsel/adviser of the American Chemistry Council's Responsible Care Program in Arlington, Va. She is a resident of Washington, D.C.





# Class of '99

It was the first formal gathering for the Class of 1999 since their graduation five years ago. Held April 30 to May 1, 2004, the group kicked off their fifth reunion Friday night in the upstairs private room at Lotus – a new upscale club on Delaware Avenue. Classmates from New York City, Pittsburgh and California joined their friends and fellow alumni from Buffalo to catch up with each other.

Saturday morning, Dean Nils Olsen hosted a brunch for all the reunion classes in O'Brian Hall at the Law School. Saturday evening, classmates had a gourmet stations dinner in the main ballroom at the Saturn Club. Fellow classmate and full-time recording artist, Michael Santa Maria '99, surprised many of the alumni by entertaining them with songs from his current album.

"I really enjoyed seeing so many old friends and hearing about how well everyone is doing," said Amy C. Martoche, of Connors & Vilardo. "It was especially nice so many people came from out of town. I look forward to seeing everyone at our next reunion!"

**First row, left to right:** Robert J. Gutowski, Joseph M. Young, Roseanne J. Moran, Mary Moorman Penn, Nicole Schreiber Mayer, Amy E. Schwartz, Kathryn J. Rebban, Darleen V. Karaszewski.

**Second row, left to right:** David J. Hoffman, Amy C. Martoche, Rebecca A. Monck, Mia M. McFarlane Markello, Kathleen J. Martin-Nieves, Antoinetta D. Mucilli, Amy M. McCabe,

Kimberly A. Fanniff, Kinda Serafi, Toni L. Frain.

**Third row, left to right:** Kimberly A. Cline, Jennifer K. Dorrer, Peter P. Vasilion, Marc W. Brown, Brendan J. Reagan, Joseph B. Laino, Jason C. Luna, Nancy B. Saunders-Sever, Andrew D. Fanizzi, Edmund J. Russell III, Richard R. Shaw II, Michael J. Chmiel.



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**Amy K. Kendall '98** has become associated with the firm Hiscock & Barclay, in Rochester, N.Y. Kendall practices in the areas of environmental law and commercial litigation.

**Gregory A. Mattacola '98**, a Rome, N.Y., resident, has joined with **Andrea L. Sammarco '92** and **Tracy D. Sammarco '95** to form Sammarco, Mattacola & Sammarco. Mattacola is of counsel and the firm has an office in Buffalo and Rome. He has also been named a 2004 "40 Under 40" honoree in the Mohawk Valley, sponsored by the *Mohawk Valley Business Journal*. Mattacola is a member of UB Law School's GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group and is past president.

**Tasha E. Moore '98**, of Buffalo, is a member of the board of directors of UB Law Alumni Association's Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) Group. Moore works for the New York State Division of Human Rights, in Buffalo.

**Mickey H. Osterreicher '98** displayed his photographs of the 1972 Democratic National Convention in Buffalo's Anderson Gallery from Aug. 21 to Sept. 2, 2004. Osterreicher is a solo practitioner and award-winning photojournalist. He recently decided to retire from photojournalism and concentrate solely on his legal practice. He lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

**Bahaati E. Pitt '98** was elected president of the Black Bar Association of Bronx County for the 2003-04 term. Pitt is a staff attorney for the Legal Aid Society in Bronx, N.Y., where she resides.

**Lisa Primerano '98**, a Buffalo resident, was elected legal counsel of the Buffalo Junior Chamber of Commerce and is participating in Leadership Buffalo's Rising Leaders program. Primerano is an associate in the firm Blair & Roach in Tonawanda, N.Y.

**Solomon Sandberg '98** writes: "I am working in the field of agriculture at a kibbutz in Israel, near Rechovot. We specialize in fruit cultivation and packing. Since graduating, I have done a number of interest-

ing things including extensive travel in Latin America, the Middle East and Europe, ESL teaching in Mexico, advanced studies in Arabic, work as a therapist for people with disabilities, writing, political campaign work, coordinating singles events, researching issues in genealogy, citizenship and immigration, property restitution, managing a youth hostel, and lawyering. In 2001, I passed the written and oral sections of the Israeli Bar Exam. Preparation for the exam involves reading volumes of legislation, case law, and review books in Hebrew."



**Norma A. Polizzi '01**

**Heath Szymczak '98** of Java Center, N.Y., received the Distinguished Service Award from the New York State Bar Association's Law-Related Education Awards. He was honored at the 27th annual statewide Conference on Law-Related Education on Oct. 30, 2003, in Albany. N.Y. Szymczak, an associate in the Buffalo firm Jaeckle, Fleischmann & Mugel, also recently received the Pathfinder Award from the Buffalo Alliance for Education.

**Heath Szymczak '98**, of Java Center, N.Y., was a presenter for the joint annual meeting of the Torts Insurance Compensation Law and Trial Lawyers sections of the New York State Bar Association. He is an associate in the firm Jaeckle, Fleischmann & Mugel in Buffalo.

**J. Richard Benitez '99**, assistant corporation counsel for the City of Buffalo, has been named treasurer of the Minority Bar Association of Western New

York. He is a Buffalo resident.

**Michael J. Chmiel '99** practices in the Buffalo firm Chelus, Herdzik, Speyer, Monte & Pajak. He recently joined the firm as an associate dealing with cases involving litigation, matrimonial, criminal, trusts and wills, and general practice matters. Chmiel lives in Amherst, N.Y.

**Stephanie Cole '99** was a co-presenter for a seminar held on limited liability companies sponsored by the National Business Institute in Amherst, N.Y. Cole is a partner in the firm Bloom, Cole, Neubeck & Shonn in Buffalo, where she resides.

**Patricia M. Costanzo '99** recently opened her own law office, practicing in the areas of patent, copyright and trademark law, specializing in intellectual property law and related matters. Previously, Costanzo worked at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as an examiner in the field of semiconductors. She resides in Elma, N.Y.

**Ross Howarth '99** is an associate in the firm Hiscock & Barclay in the Rochester, N.Y., office. Howarth practices in the areas of general business and corporate law. He lives in Churchville, N.Y.

**Russell E. Maines '99** is practicing in the firm Fix, Spindelman, Brovitz & Goldman in Fairport, N.Y. He recently joined the firm as an associate specializing in the areas of land use, zoning and litigation. Maines lives in Rochester, N.Y.

**Mindy Marranca '99** has been named president of Homespace Corp.'s 2004-05 board of directors in Buffalo. Marranca is executive director of Child Care Advocates in Buffalo, where she resides.

**Roseanne Moran '99**, of Williamsville, N.Y., was appointed state director and membership committee chair of the Western New York chapter of the Women's Bar Association. She is an associate in the firm Magavern, Magavern & Grimm in Buffalo.

**Timothy P. Noonan '99** and **Paul R. Comeau '73** were honored with the 2004 Burton Award for Excellence in Legal Writing for their article "Execu-

tive Compensation and Employer Withholding: A Closer Look at a Complicated Issue," published in the *Journal of Multi-state Taxation and Incentives*, in August 2003. Noonan recently presented a distinguished faculty lecture for the Institute of Continuing Professional Education's Cross-Border Tax Planning seminar with **Alice A. Joseffer '83**. Noonan is an associate in the Buffalo office of the firm Hodgson Russ. He is a resident of Cheektowaga, N.Y.

**John A. Orlowski '99** has joined the firm Phillips Lytle, in the Buffalo office. Orlowski focuses his practice in the areas of environmental law, real estate transactions, property development, environmental compliance and permitting, along with remediation and litigation.

**Brandon Portis '99** has been elected vice president of the Minority Bar Association of Western New York. He lives in Buffalo.

**Edmund J. Russell III '99** has become associated with the firm Underberg & Kessler in Rochester, N.Y., where he resides. Russell practices in banking as well as corporate and municipal law.

**Joel Seachrist '99**, a partner in the law firm Beckman & Seachrist, was named to the Westfield Memorial Hospital Foundation board. He is a resident of Westfield, N.Y.

**Mark Stuhlmiller '99** has been elected vice president of the Niagara Frontier Corporate Counsel Association. Stuhlmiller is associate general counsel at Computer Task Group. He is a resident of Eggertsville, N.Y.

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**James Appler III '00** handles cases involving insurance defense litigation. He recently joined the firm Rupp, Baase, Pfalzgraf, Cunningham & Coppola in Buffalo as an associate. He is a Buffalo resident.

**Lisa Bertino '00** is practicing in the Buffalo office in the firm Phillips Lytle. She handles cases involving commercial law, con-



centrating in bankruptcy and creditor's rights. She lives in Clarence, N.Y.

**Daniel M. De Federicis '00** has been re-elected for a second term as president of the Police Benevolent Association of the New York State Troopers. He lives in Albany, N.Y.

**Anthony Elia '00** has joined the law offices of David J. Sutton in Garden City, N.Y., as an associate. His duties include researching and reviewing leases, resolving contractual disputes and handling intellectual property matters.

**Patrick J. Long '00** has been appointed president-elect of the Just Buffalo Literary Center board of directors. Long is an associate in the Buffalo firm Hodgson Russ and lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

**Daniel W. Morse '00** is a staff attorney at the Disability Law Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. He practices in the area of disability rights, specializing in the area of special-education rights, representing parents of students with disabilities.

**Robert Murray '00** is an associate in the Buffalo office of Harris Beach, practicing in the areas of public finance/economic development and environmental law. Murray is a resident of Getzville, N.Y.

**Jennifer Natalie '00**, of Rochester, N.Y., has been elected to the program committee of the Greater Rochester Association for Women Attorneys.

**Kelly Philips '00** has been appointed local director and programs committee co-chair of the Western New York chapter of the Women's Bar Association. She practices in Sugarman Law Firm in Buffalo.

**David W. Polak '00** is vice president of the nonprofit organization Tremendous Teens of Western New York. Polak is an attorney in the Law Office of John P. Feroletto in Buffalo. Polak also has been elected to the UB Law Alumni Association's Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) Group board of directors. He also was named secretary of the solo practitioner small office practice section of the Association of Trial Lawyers



**Frank C. Callocchia '03**



**Alison J. Cleary '03**

of America. Polak practices in the Law Office of John P. Feroletto in Buffalo. Polak lives in Elma, N.Y.

**M.K. Gaedeke Roland '00**, an associate in the firm Hodgson Russ, recently spoke at the Health Care Industries Association and High Tech Business Council's FDA medical device workshop. Roland practices in the area of health litigation. She is resident of Orchard Park, N.Y.

**Elizabeth Snyder '00** recently began working as a staff attorney at Mental Hygiene Legal Service, Fourth Department, in Utica, N.Y. In addition, she received the *Observer-Dispatch* Accent on Excellence Award for leaders under age 40. Snyder was also named to the board of directors of the Oneida County Bar Association. In addition, she was elected vice president of the Utica College Alumni Association and will become president in April. Snyder also was the keynote speaker at the *Utica Observer-Dispatch* Salute to

Teen All-Stars. The annual program honors promising high school seniors. She lives in Utica.

**Richard P. Staropoli '00** has become associated with the Rochester, N.Y., firm Harris, Chesworth, O'Brien, Johnstone, Welch & Leone, practicing in the area of litigation. Staropoli lives in Penfield, N.Y.

**David Allen '01** has opened his own general-practice law firm in Medina, N.Y., where he resides.

**Rayne Hammond Benz '01** has completed a one-year clerkship with U.S. District Judge Hon. Michael A. Telesca in Rochester, N.Y. Benz has accepted a position as associate in the Pittsford, N.Y., office in the firm Harris Beach, working in the commercial litigation and labor litigation groups.

**Elizabeth D. Carlson '01** practices in the labor and employment practice group in the firm Hodgson Russ, in the Buffalo office. Carlson has joined the firm as an associate and was previously an associate in the New York City firm Schulte Roth & Zabel. She is a Buffalo resident.

**Emilio Colaiacovo '01**, an attorney in the Buffalo firm Bouvier, O'Connor, was appointed to a three-year term on the board of directors for the Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus. Colaiacovo is also vice chairman of the Clarence Republican Committee and is director of the Father Thomas Conway Memorial Committee and Mercyhurst College alumni board. Colaiacovo also has been elected to the board of directors of the Bar Association of Erie County Aid to Indigent Prisoners Society's assigned counsel program. He lives in Clarence Center, N.Y.

**Dr. John DeFazio '01** has joined the Buffalo firm Hogan & Willig, specializing in personal injury and medical malpractice. DeFazio previously maintained his own medical practice and is a resident of Youngstown, N.Y.

**David Haenel LL.M. '01** was honored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving for his superior effort in the area of DUI prosecution. Haenel is assistant state attorney for the

Florida state attorney's office, 12th Judicial District, in Sarasota, Fla. He lives in Bradenton, Fla.

**Amy L. Hemenway '01** was a presenter at the University at Buffalo's Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership session "Could You Survive a Wage & Hour Audit?" Hemenway is an associate in the Buffalo firm Harter, Secrest & Emery. She lives in Tonawanda, N.Y.

**Suzanne M. Knight '01** has become associated with the firm Vindigni & Betro in Oneida, N.Y. Knight practices in the areas of family, labor, criminal and administrative law. She lives in North Syracuse, N.Y.

**Rachel M. Kranitz '01** has joined the firm Pusatier, Sherman, Abbott & Sugarman in Kenmore, N.Y. Kranitz is an associate in the firm and lives in Buffalo.

**Terry Loretto '01** is an associate in the Hamburg, N.Y., office of Harris Beach, practicing in the business and commercial litigation group. He was previously practicing in the firm Hurst, Brothman & Yusick, which recently merged with Harris Beach. Loretto is a resident of Hamburg.

**Norma A. Polizzi '01**, a Rochester, N.Y., resident, practices in the litigation and environmental practice group in the firm Jaekle, Fleischmann & Mugel. She recently joined the firm as an associate in the Rochester office.

**Hernandez M. Rhau '01** has been appointed assistant district attorney for the Bronx County district attorney's office in Bronx, N.Y.

**Sean D. Ronan '01** has become associated with the firm Jaekle, Fleischmann & Mugel in Buffalo. Ronan, practicing in the litigation department, was previously a senior court attorney in the New York Court of Appeals in Albany, N.Y. He resides in Williamsville, N.Y.

**Sarah Smith-Ronan '01**, attorney for Neighborhood Legal Services, in Buffalo, has been named to the board of directors of UB Law Alumni Association's Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) Group. She resides in Williamsville, N.Y.



# Alumni Briefs

**Carly Wilsman Speyer '01** is specializing her practice in the areas of real estate and business and commercial law. Speyer has recently joined the Amherst, N.Y., firm Hogan & Willig, Lancaster, N.Y., is her place of residence.

**Jason Stanek '01** has accepted a position as an adviser to Hon. Patrick Wood III, chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Washington, D.C. Stanek lives in Maryland City, Md.

**Brenda Wonder '01** has been named secretary of the Greater Rochester Association for Women Attorneys in Rochester, N.Y. Wonder practices and resides in Rochester.

**Kimberly Whistler '01**, an associate in the firm Jaekle Fleischmann & Mugel in Buffalo, was elected vice chairperson of the committee on professional responsibility of insurance, of the New York State Bar Association's Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section. She lives in Snyder, N.Y.

**John W. Andrews '02** is working in the Niagara County district attorney's office in Lockport, N.Y. Andrews recently accepted a position as assistant district attorney. He lives on Grand Island, N.Y.

**Tracie Covey '02** spoke at the continuing legal education seminar on the topic "Fair Labor Standards Act and Paralegal Overtime" sponsored by the Western New York Paralegal Association in Buffalo on Aug. 17, 2004. Covey is an associate in the firm Jaekle, Fleischmann & Mugel in Buffalo, where she resides.

**Phillip L. Dabney '02** has been named assistant district attorney in the Niagara County district attorney's office in Lockport, N.Y., where he resides.

**Natalie A. Grigg '02** of Lockport, N.Y., is a member of UB Law Alumni Association's Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) Group. She is the local director and programs committee co-chair of the Western New York chapter of the Women's Bar Association. She practices in the Buffalo firm Hagelin & Bischof and resides in Lockport, N.Y.

**Paige M. Junker '02** was recently promoted to the rank of lieutenant in the U.S. Navy. She was also selected Officer in Charge, Little Creek Branch Office, Naval Legal Services Office, Mid-Atlantic. As a legal assistance attorney for the JAG Corps, she practices in the areas of estate planning, family law, consumer law, landlord tenant law and military benefits. Junker lives in Norfolk, Va.

**Danita Mendez-Townsend '02** has started a nonprofit organization, Eastern Shore Advocacy Center in Berlin, Md. The organization provides free or low-cost legal services to victims of domestic and sexual violence. She resides in Salisbury, Md.



**Robert J. Fluskey Jr. '03**

**Kevin M. Momot '02** has been named editor of *The Daily Record* in Rochester. Momot was previously an associate in the Pittsford, N.Y., office in the firm Harris Beach. He lives in Henrietta, N.Y.

**Jennifer Noto '02** is an associate in the firm Hiscock & Barclay in the Rochester, N.Y., office. She concentrates her practice in the areas of general litigation. Noto is a resident of Genesee, N.Y.

**Peter M. O'Hara '02** is a co-author of *Taxation of Distributions From Qualified Plans 2003-2004*, a treatise providing in-depth analysis of the tax rules applicable to governmental plans, new case rulings and other significant developments. He resides in Snyder, N.Y.

**Allison J. Porcella '02** has joined the export/import services team of Lockheed Martin Corp. Maritime Systems and Sensors division in Syracuse, N.Y., as an international licensing analyst associate. Porcella is a Syracuse resident.

**Lee Terry '02** has joined the law firm of Jeffrey M. Freedman as an associate in Buffalo, where he resides. Terry will concentrate on cases regarding bankruptcy and Social Security disability matters.

**Wedade Abdallah '03** has joined the Buffalo firm Serotte, Reich & Wilson, practicing in the area of immigration law. Abdallah lives in Getzville, N.Y.

**Jessica M. Baker '03** is practicing in the firm Hiscock & Barclay in the Syracuse, N.Y., office. Baker is an associate handling cases involving commercial litigation, creditors' rights and Indian law. She lives in Eden, N.Y.

**Jennifer Biletnikoff '03** has joined the firm Jones Day in Pittsburgh as an associate. She is a resident of Pittsburgh.

**Frank C. Callocchia '03** practices in the firm Damon & Morey in the Buffalo office. He recently joined the litigation department as an associate. Callocchia is a resident of Williamsville, N.Y.

**Michael M. Chelus '03** has become associated with the firm Chelus, Herdzik, Speyer, Monte & Pajak in Buffalo. He practices in the area of litigation and is a resident of Orchard Park, N.Y.

**Alison J. Cleary '03** is an associate in the firm Hiscock & Barclay in the Buffalo office. Cleary concentrates her practice in the areas of business law and tax and employment benefit matters. She lives in Amherst, N.Y.

**Gina DePrima '03**, of Amherst, N.Y., handles cases involving litigation, labor matters and entertainment law. She has joined the firm Watson, Bennett, Colligan, Johnson & Schechter, in Buffalo.

**Mariely L. Downey '03** has joined the firm Jaekle, Fleischmann & Mugel as an associate, practicing in the areas of tax law and employee benefits law

in the Buffalo office. She is a resident of Amherst, N.Y.

**Robert J. Fluskey Jr. '03** is practicing in the Buffalo firm Hodgson Russ as an associate in the business litigation practice group. Fluskey was previously an associate in the firm White & Case in New York City.

**Christopher S. Glascott '03** has been commissioned a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corp. He will join the Third Infantry division at Fort Stewart, Ga.

**Jonathan G. Gorman '03** practices in the areas of torts, insurance and products liability and commercial litigation. He is an associate in the firm Hiscock & Barclay in the Rochester, N.Y., office. Gorman lives in West Seneca, N.Y.

**Jeff M. Gray '03** recently joined the firm Manatt, Phelps & Phillips in Washington, D.C. Gray is an associate specializing in the area of energy law and regulation.

**Stephanie Guerriero '03** is practicing in the Buffalo firm Chelus, Herdzik, Speyer, Monte & Pajak as an associate. She lives in East Aurora, N.Y.

**Joseph M. Hobaica '03**, previously a judicial clerk to Hon. Hugh B. Scott '74, magistrate, U.S. District Court in Buffalo, recently joined the Nas-to Law Firm. He is as an associate in the Yorkville, N.Y., office. Hobaica resides in Utica, N.Y.

**Susan M. Howard '03** has been appointed assistant district attorney for Niagara Falls City Court in Niagara Falls, N.Y. Howard is assigned to the domestic violence unit. She lives in Lockport, N.Y.

**Sheryl Kashuba '03** has joined the firm Morgan, Lewis & Brockius in Pittsburgh. Kashuba is an associate in the labor and employment group.

**Jason M. Kiefer '03** practices in the Rochester, N.Y., firm Harris, Chesworth, O'Brien, Johnstone, Welch & Leone. Kiefer is an associate specializing in the areas of business, estates and tax law. He resides in Rochester.

**Thomas M. Kroi '03** has joined the Buffalo office of Hodgson Russ as an associate.



Krol practices in the business litigation group. He is a Buffalo resident.

**J. Michael Lennon '03** is an associate in the Buffalo office in the firm Phillips Lytle. He handles cases involving general litigation. Lennon resides in Amherst, N.Y.

**Thomas Maxian '03** has accepted a position as an associate in the Rochester, N.Y., office of the firm Nixon Peabody, practicing in the business litigation group. He resides in Victor, N.Y.

**John I. Menard '03** is an associate in the Rochester, N.Y., firm Chesworth, O'Brien, Johnstone, Welch & Leone. Menard practices in the areas of real estate and business law. He is a Rochester resident.

**David Morisset '03** recently accepted a position in the firm Greenberg, Greenberg & Guerero in New York City, practicing in the area of personal injury. He lives in Brooklyn, N.Y.

**Margaret A. Murphy '03** practices in the firm Colucci & Gallaher as an associate. Murphy focuses her practice in the areas of construction accident, personal injury and business litigation. She is a Buffalo resident.

**Amol K. Pachnanda '03** is an associate in the Buffalo firm Damon & Morey. Pachnanda joined the real estate department in the firm. He lives in Amherst, N.Y.

**Carrie Parks '03** practices in the litigation department in the firm Rupp, Baase, Pfalzgraf, Cunningham & Coppola, in Buffalo. She focuses her practice in the areas of insurance defense litigation, including automobile, premises liability and New York State labor law. She is also a member of the board of directors of UB Law Alumni Association's Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) Group. Parks lives in Buffalo.

**Marybeth Priore '03**, an Amherst, N.Y., resident, has become associated with the Buffalo firm Colucci & Gallaher. She handles cases involving municipal liability, personal injury, construction accidents and general negligence.

**James E. Privitera '03** has become associated with the firm Sanders & Sanders in Amherst, N.Y. Privitera was formerly a contract mediator with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. He lives in East Aurora, N.Y.

**Jack F. Quinn III '03**, recently appointed assistant district attorney in the Buffalo district attorney's office, has resigned his position to run for assemblyman in the 146th District. Quinn resides in Hamburg, N.Y.

**Andrea Rigdon '03** is an associate in the firm Wilder & Linneball, in Buffalo, where she resides. Rigdon concentrates her practice in the areas of civil litigation, health care law, corporate, business and executive law.

**Kristin St. Mary '03** has accepted a position as the assistant director of development for the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Buffalo. She previously was an associate in the firm Phillips Lytle in Buffalo. St. Mary is a member of the board of directors of UB Law School's GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade Group). She is a Buffalo resident.

**Paul Sanders '03** recently began practicing in the firm Hiscock & Barclay as an associate in the Rochester, N.Y., office. Sanders' area of practice includes torts, insurance coverage, products liability and commercial litigation. He is a Rochester resident.

**Stephanie L. Vettenburg '03** has joined the firm Clarke & Hollenbeck in Bradford, Pa., where she resides. Vettenburg focuses her practice in criminal and family law.

**Sean B. Virkler '03** has joined the firm Felt Evans in Clinton, N.Y. Virkler focuses his practice in the areas of civil litigation and real estate. He lives in New Hartford, N.Y.

**Steven W. Wells '03** is practicing in the areas of commercial litigation and bankruptcy in the firm Harter, Secrest & Emery in Buffalo. Wells joined the firm as an associate. He lives in Cheektowaga, N.Y.

**Brian Zuccaro '03** has joined the Buffalo firm Gross, Shuman, Brizdle & Gilfillan as

# In Memoriam

*The Law School extends its deepest condolences to the families and friends of the following friends and alumni/ae:*

**Josephine E. Spoto '28**, Jamestown, New York  
**Olive S. Roessler '36**, Lancaster, New York  
**Eugene F. Elsaesser '37**, Clarence, New York  
**William M. North '37**, Lansdale, Pennsylvania  
**Robert J. Buchholtz '41**, Williamsville, New York  
**Harriet Kennedy Hamilton '42**, Lexington, Massachusetts  
**James H. Coyle '49**, San Diego, California  
**George R. Hebard '49**, Orchard Park, New York  
**C. George Niebank Jr. '50**, Gainesville, Georgia  
**John J. Heffron '51**, Buffalo, New York  
**Kenneth G. Hodossy Sr. '51**, Snyder, New York  
**Louis J. La Mantia '52**, Hamburg, New York  
**Joan Cauley '53**, St. Augustine, Florida  
**Thomas A. Fortunato '53**, Orchard Park, New York  
**Norman E. Kuehnelt '53**, Point Abino, Ontario, Canada  
**Robert A. Thompson '53**, Citra, Florida  
**Frank J. Laski '54**, Kenmore, New York  
**Frederick C. McCall Jr. '55**, Kenmore, New York  
**Ward G. Smith '55**, Hunting Valley, Ohio  
**William J. Weiss Jr. '65**, Derby, New York  
**Alvarez T. Ferrouillet Jr. '74**, New Orleans, Louisiana  
**Elliot J. Mandel '74**, Stamford, Connecticut  
**D. Michael Murray '75**, Batavia, New York  
**Carmen P. Tarantino '77**, Buffalo, New York

## Former UB Law Professor Lee Teitelbaum dies

Lee E. Teitelbaum, Hugh B. Brown Professor of Law at the University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law, died Sept. 22, 2004, in Salt Lake City after a yearlong battle with cancer. He was 63.

an associate, handling cases involving employment law and litigation, trademark, copyright and intellectual property, corporate law and personal injury. Zuccaro lives in Lancaster, N.Y.



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## UB LAW ALUMNI SERVICES

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**Regional Events** — Every January we sponsor a New York City alumni luncheon in conjunction with the State Bar meeting. Among our celebrity speakers have been Chief Judge Judith Kaye, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and Attorney General Eliott Spitzer. The association also underwrites events in Rochester, Syracuse, Washington, D.C. and more. We welcome your energy and ideas for planning events in your area.

**Recognize Distinguished Law Alumni Twice a Year** — The coveted Jaekle Award, the highest award the Law School and the Law Alumni Association can bestow, is presented to an outstanding alumnus/a in the fall. Five alumni are recognized at the Annual Meeting and Dinner in the spring. Awards are presented in the categories of private practice, judiciary, community service, business and public service.

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**The Buffalo Alumni Mentor Program** — [BAMP] is a career guidance program designed to help law students and recent graduates make the transition from law school to the legal community.

**Law School Oral History Project** — The lives of UB Law alumni and the Law School's history will be preserved and celebrated in the Law Alumni Association's on-going digital Oral History Project.

**Assistance with Reunions** — We do class mailings, hire photographers, order favors and offer other support to alumni/ae who organize reunions. Class pictures and directories are provided free of charge to all reunion attendees.

**Student Support** — We help underwrite a printed photo directory for first-year law students, and host a welcome reception for the entire first-year class providing an opportunity for students to meet practitioners, faculty and members of the judiciary.

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Photo collage by Professor Robert I. Reis

## Where were you in July 1972?

Mickey H. Osterreicher, J.D. '98, B.S. '73, and UB Law School Professor Robert I. Reis were both in Miami Beach, Fla., photographing the 1972 Democratic National Convention, although they did not know each other at the time.

Their photos, which were on exhibit recently at the UB Anderson Gallery, document some of the events and passions of the gathering from inside and outside the convention hall. Osterreicher was there as an accredited 19-year-old photojournalist for the University at Buffalo's student newspaper, the *Spectrum*. Reis, always an avid photographer, was drawn to record the anti-war protests and Vietnam veteran encampment in nearby Flamingo Park.

Whether looking into the tired face of Congresswoman Bella Abzug or contemplating history repeating itself in the political statements captured in the many nameless faces of the protestors, the images provide the viewer with a rare view of the theater from both left and right.





by Professor Robert I. Reis

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